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84 Polish seamen seek asylum in U.S., S. Africa

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — Six Polish seamen jumped from a fishing vessel onto an American tugboat in Kodiak harbor, Alaska, and asked for asylum, the U.S. State Department said Friday.

The seamen were taken to Anchorage and are in the custody of the U.S. Immigration Service while their request is being considered, a State Department official said. The fishing boat had asked for medical help for two other seamen who were taken aboard the tugboat and are receiving treatment. They have not sought asylum, said the official, who asked not to be named.

Earlier Thursday, a group of 78 Polish seamen defected from a Soviet Atlantic fleet of trawlers following the imposition of martial law in Poland, a report from Walvis Bay, Namibia, said. The seamen have been granted temporary refugee status in South Africa, but South African officials said it would take several weeks before their request for asylum is granted. "We took our action as a protest against the present situation in Poland," said one of the defectors, all of whom declined to be identified because of possible repercussions against their families still in Poland.

In Victoria, Brazil, nine Polish nationals sought asylum after jumping ship when the freighter *Hula Katowice* was preparing to return to Poland with a load of iron ore, officials said Thursday. Officials said the defectors were five Polish seamen, the wives of two of them and two children. The foreign ministry in Brasilia said their request for political asylum was being considered.

In New Haven, Connecticut, award-winning Polish Cellist Cecylia Barczyk, who has lived in the U.S. since 1977, announced at her home that she has asked for political asylum in the U.S. Miss Barczyk, who won first prize in the international cello contest in Warsaw in 1974, said she wanted to "assist the efforts to restore Poland's independence and the human rights now violated by the Communist regime."

In Moscow, the Soviet Union Friday laid the blame for the Polish crisis on the United States and the West, charging that they had been engaged in a long-term plan to wreck Poland out of the Soviet bloc. Moscow's verdict came in a 3,600-word article in the Soviet Party daily *Pravda* that said Poland had been "target number one" for years by Western intelligence agencies aiming to split Communist East Bloc unity.

The *Pravda* article said "anti-socialist forces" in Poland, acting according to scenarios worked out by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), had embarked on a crusade against socialism in Poland and against the whole Socialist community. The plan, it said, was to restore capitalism in Poland and tear Poland from the Socialist community, above all from the Warsaw Pact. The article, clearly authorized at a high level, gave the impression that the declaration of martial law in Poland on Dec. 13 had been a justifiable decisive move to halt a situation that had become desperate for the whole Eastern Bloc.

But it passed no judgment on Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski's imposition of a "state of war" in Poland, a sign that Moscow is still

formally withholding endorsement until the measures taken have been seen to have worked. *Pravda* charged that Washington, predictably, had reacted in a "truly hysterical way" to the introduction of martial law.

An AFP news report from Cesky Tesin, Czechoslovakia, on the Polish border said that despite fairly heavy military traffic along the Czechoslovakian-Polish border, the atmosphere was relaxed, with Soviet army drivers parking their trucks by the roadside and taking pictures of each other to send home.

The correspondent spotted several posing cheerfully beside the signposts indicating the Polish border at this village just east of the town of Ostrava at the easternmost tip of the country. Security arrangements appeared relaxed, in contrast to reports from travelers last week of heavy police presence along the border after Poland proclaimed martial law Dec. 13.

At the border post, the traffic from Poland appeared to have shrunk to a trickle, though reliable reports said that some 100 Polish workers employed in Czechoslovakia were showing up for work as usual.



DOCKSIDE EXCHANGE: A Polish-Canadian, right, hands pro-Solidarity literature to a Polish seaman, left. The Polish fishing vessel *Regulus* was docked in port at Vancouver, B.C. where many Polish seamen have decided not to return to their strife-ridden homeland and jumped ship.

For Golan annexation

Sharon blames America

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon was quoted Friday as saying Israel was "forced to annex the Golan Heights" to cover U.S. plans to secure an Israeli withdrawal to pre-June 1967 positions.

Sharon told the daily newspaper *Yediot Aharonot* that the United States "has decided to get Israel to pull back from lands occupied in the 1967 war, including the Golan Heights." "The American pressure will be applied after our final withdrawal from Sinai next April and so we were forced to pass the annexation law to make it clear to Washington that we will not return to the indefensible 1967 lines," he said.

The Israeli annexation law passed last week touched off sharp international criticism and resulted in punitive measures against Israel by Washington.

— A week of Israeli verbal blasts at the United States reached a new pitch Friday with Sharon's accusation the Americans were confronting Soviet expansionism "like blind men in a chimney."

In the interview, Sharon claimed the United States "showed nothing but impotence" in dealing with the Polish crisis, and said it "should turn on a lot of red lights, first and foremost among the Americans themselves."

Sharon's charges followed an angry denunciation of U.S. policy by Prime Minister Menachem Begin which brought U.S.-Israeli relations to one of their lowest points in memory.

Critics of the government accused Begin and Sharon of sabotaging ties with Israel's chief military and political backer, Mordechai Gur, a former chief of staff and now a

member of the opposition Labor Party, claimed Israeli policy was "going off the rails."

Sharon was quoted as warning that after Israel completed its withdrawal from the Sinai desert next April, Washington would begin a campaign to oust Israel from the rest of the Arab territory it occupied in the 1967 Mideast War.

Sharon said Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights on Dec. 14 was "a clear blocking action" against such U.S. pressure, and he hinted of more to come, saying "maybe we will have to think of other blocking actions."

Right hand used to replace left

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Dec. 25 (AP) — Surgeons said Thursday they used the hand from a mechanic's severed right arm to replace his mangled left hand in what may be a medical first.

Wilson Collins, 38, had the surgery last Wednesday. "This is the first time I know of that it's been done," said Dr. Harold E. Kleimert of Hand Surgery Associates.

Collins was working in a coal mine when he was trapped between a truck and another that backed over him. His right arm was severed and his left hand and forearm were crushed. The severed arm was packed in ice, and Collins was flown to a hospital here, where doctors decided to attempt the transplant. The surgery lasted nearly 15 hours.

Clues raise hope for general

VERONA, Italy, Dec. 25, (R) — Italian anti-terrorist experts have discovered some useful clues in their search for kidnapped American NATO Gen. James Dozier, police sources said Friday.

The 50-year-old brigadier general was abducted from his flat in northern Verona by a Red Brigade guerrilla commando eight days ago.

Italian police, supported by American experts, continued to search out the kidnapers.

"We are no longer at the starting point of our inquiries. There are some useful new elements," one police source said, without elaborating.

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King Hussein says Israel military power poses threat to Arabs

BEIRUT, Dec. 25 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan says the Arab countries are in a state of disarray and warned that Israel is capable of waging war on all Arab fronts for six months without external assistance. The king also criticized France in a magazine interview published here Friday and said President Ronald Reagan's administration has not "crystallized a final policy on the Middle East crisis."

The prevailing state of affairs in the Arab world might be the worst ever," Hussein told the weekly Arab and international supplement of the independent Beirut newspaper *Al-Nahar*.

"On the other hand, Israel at present possesses a sophisticated war machine that enables it to wage war extensively on all Arab fronts for six months without assistance from anyone," Hussein said.

He indicated, however, that Jordan would fight along Syria's side if a war breaks out between Syria and Israel because of the Israeli annexation of Syria's occupied Golan Heights.

"Jordan will do its duty after taking all aspects into consideration," Hussein said about Jordan's position in the event of a Syrian-Israeli war. "Everyone in the Arab world remembers how we fought all previous conflicts." (Jordan, whose 550-kilometer border with Israel is the longest Arab front with the Zionist state, fought in the 1948 and 1967 Middle East wars.

Asked about his present assessment of Reagan's policy in the Middle East in the wake of the king's expressed optimism during his late October and early November visit to Washington, Hussein said: "I don't believe the American policy has crystallized in a final shape yet... In fact I found (in Washington) a growing concern over the Middle East and, consequently, there is a fact-finding operation that I believe would lead in a later stage to a crystallized comprehensive policy."

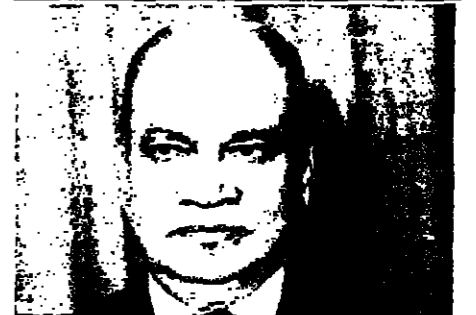
Hussein said U.S. government officials in Washington had assured him that the American-Israeli strategic cooperation pact was "limited in aims and dimensions and contains nothing other than what was published."

He did not elaborate but ruled as "out of the question" the conclusion of a similar strategic cooperation treaty between Jordan and the United States.

Asked about his assessment of France's Middle Eastern policy in light of statements made recently by President Francois Mitterrand and Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, Hussein said: "I am dissatisfied with the French position. It seems to me France has returned to the pre-Gaullist era of animosity toward the Arabs... It is strange that France should act as if it is the force that can run the

European community or take a course that implies it does not want Europe to play a role... in heading an injustice that would not only befall this area (Mideast) but would imperil the peace of the whole world."

Asked whether a date has been set for Mitterrand's visit to Jordan, Hussein said he had extended the invitation during his recent visit to France.



President Abdul Sattar

Abdul Sattar arrives today

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — The President of Bangladesh, Abdul Sattar is due here Saturday morning to begin a three-day official visit to the Kingdom for talks with King Khalid about bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interest.

President Abdul Sattar will perform the umra in Makkah before proceeding to Riyadh Sunday for meeting the King. He will leave Riyadh Monday for Madinah to pray at the Prophet's mosque and return home Tuesday. This will be his second visit to the country. The first was made two years ago when he was still a vice-president during the time of the late President Ziaur Rahman.

President Abdul Sattar, 79, is the seventh head of state of Bangladesh since its inception. He became president earlier this year following the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman, through a general election which gave the ruling party a convincing majority.

Saudi Arabian-Bangladesh relations began soon after the creation of the state with aid amounting to some \$450 million in the form of loans or outright assistance in addition to direct grants to institutions, private enterprises, schools, religious associations and individuals.

The Kingdom has also contributed to the education of Bangladeshi students here and has plans to establish an Islamic university in Bangladesh in addition to the Islamic institute for technical and occupational training that is being built in Dacca.

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Municipality plants trees

Bani Malek receives public gardens

By Maher Abbass

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — Jeddah Municipality's Bani Malek branch has recently completed planting trees on three streets in the districts in addition to three public gardens, according to officials.

The branch's director Jamal Mufti told *Arab News* Thursday that the branch completed tree planting in Palestine and Tahliya streets, in addition to the Sabein Street for which a contract has been withdrawn. The national company supervising the planting of the street did not abide by the contract's conditions, according to Mufti.

Agriculture talks held

DAMASCUS, Dec. 25 (SPA)—The board of directors of the Saudi-Syrian Agricultural and Industrial Investment Company concluded its fourth meeting here Thursday.

The three-day meeting adopted a number of resolutions concerning the stepping up of the work in the company's under construction projects. The meeting also approved the company's budget for the year 1982 and decided to meet next February.

The three gardens under plantation now have a combined area of 30,000 square meters, he said. Besides, the branch is making necessary preparations to take part in Jeddah's third tree-planting week, which starts Saturday.

Meanwhile, *Arab News* has learned that the eight branches of the municipality are participating in the reforestation week as competitors in regard to the size of work achieved in planting trees, cleaning, numbering streets, removing garbage and general beautification of streets.

Dr. Mustapha Fahmi, head of the central reforestation department, said that activities of the tree-planting week will begin Saturday morning opposite Prince Sultan's palace and

proceed toward the Corniche Street. Makkah Governor Prince Majed is expected to dedicate the event.

In another development, Bernard Adonis, chairman of the Arab-Belgian Friendship Society is currently visiting Jeddah municipality to be acquainted with its activities, according to the conferences and research department director, Kamel Gumusani.

Adonis was the man behind the idea of organizing the exhibition staged by Jeddah municipality in Gent, Belgium, in November. He also met with Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi to discuss the possibility of introducing Arab and Islamic culture in Belgium by organizing various exhibitions across the country.

Prayer Times

Saturday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:31	5:38	5:10	5:00	5:25	5:59
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:21	12:22	11:53	11:40	12:05	12:34
Asr (Afternoon)	3:26	3:21	2:52	3:36	3:00	3:26
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:47	5:42	5:13	4:56	5:20	5:46
Isha (Night)	7:17	7:12	6:43	6:26	6:50	7:16

Gulf off-shore oil and gas center takes shape

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — The Safaniya-Tanajib area, located on Saudi Arabia's Gulf coast, is being turned into an important hub for offshore oil and gas producing operations. *Saudi Business* magazine reported Saturday.

According to the magazine, the area is located about 20 kms. south of Safaniya and 150 kms. north of Ras Tanura, and by the mid-1980s is expected to serve as Aramco's center for operation, maintenance, marine support and training associated with the northern area and offshore production facilities.

Begun in the fall of 1979, the three phase planning effort was spearheaded by Aramco's Facilities Planning Department and involved nearly every organization with the oil company, the magazine added.

"The project was planned from the grass roots, taking into account possible long-term future growth," said Herb Nelson, coordinator to Facility Planning's Special Studies Division. "At the same time, it's truly detailed plan, the official reported." The plan was a comprehensive design effort that will produce a totally integrated development," Nelson said.

According to the magazine, the driving force of the multi-billion dollar program is the new crude and associated gas from the Marjan, Zuluf and Manifa fields in the Arabian Gulf. This planned new capacity will

help achieve long-range goals to balance production by reserves and to bring offshore gas into the master gas system.

To implement the Safaniya-Tanajib development plan, Aramco last summer created a special Northern Area Projects team with two new departments, one to oversee the crude projects and the other to handle the community and industrial support projects. Already the preliminary site work is under way at Tanajib and Safaniya, including an

extensive fencing program and the stakeout of new roads.

In anticipation of a rapid manpower buildup in the region, a 1,000-man temporary bachelor camp is being added at Safaniya. As major construction contracts are let in coming months, temporary contractor camps also will sprout in the region. The construction work force is expected to peak at about 4,000 men in the second half of 1983. *Saudi Business* reported.

Newly-formed joint venture

Chemical company moves upward

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — A new joint venture company, Fosroc Fosam, has been launched in the construction chemicals business with the Saudi Arabian Markets and Sheikh Kamal Adham, *Saudi Business* magazine reported Saturday.

According to the magazine, Fosroc has a 50 percent share in the new company that will manufacture chemicals at the Jeddah Industrial Estate. Steve Newsome, general sales manager of the new Saudi Arabian company told the magazine that the venture has received escalating business orders since setting up in Jeddah. "We have an edge over our competitors for we cover a whole spectrum of products and can supply them in any part of the Kingdom with warehouses and engineers in Jeddah, Riyadh and Al-Khobar," he said.

The magazine reported that the company has eight product group sections that include

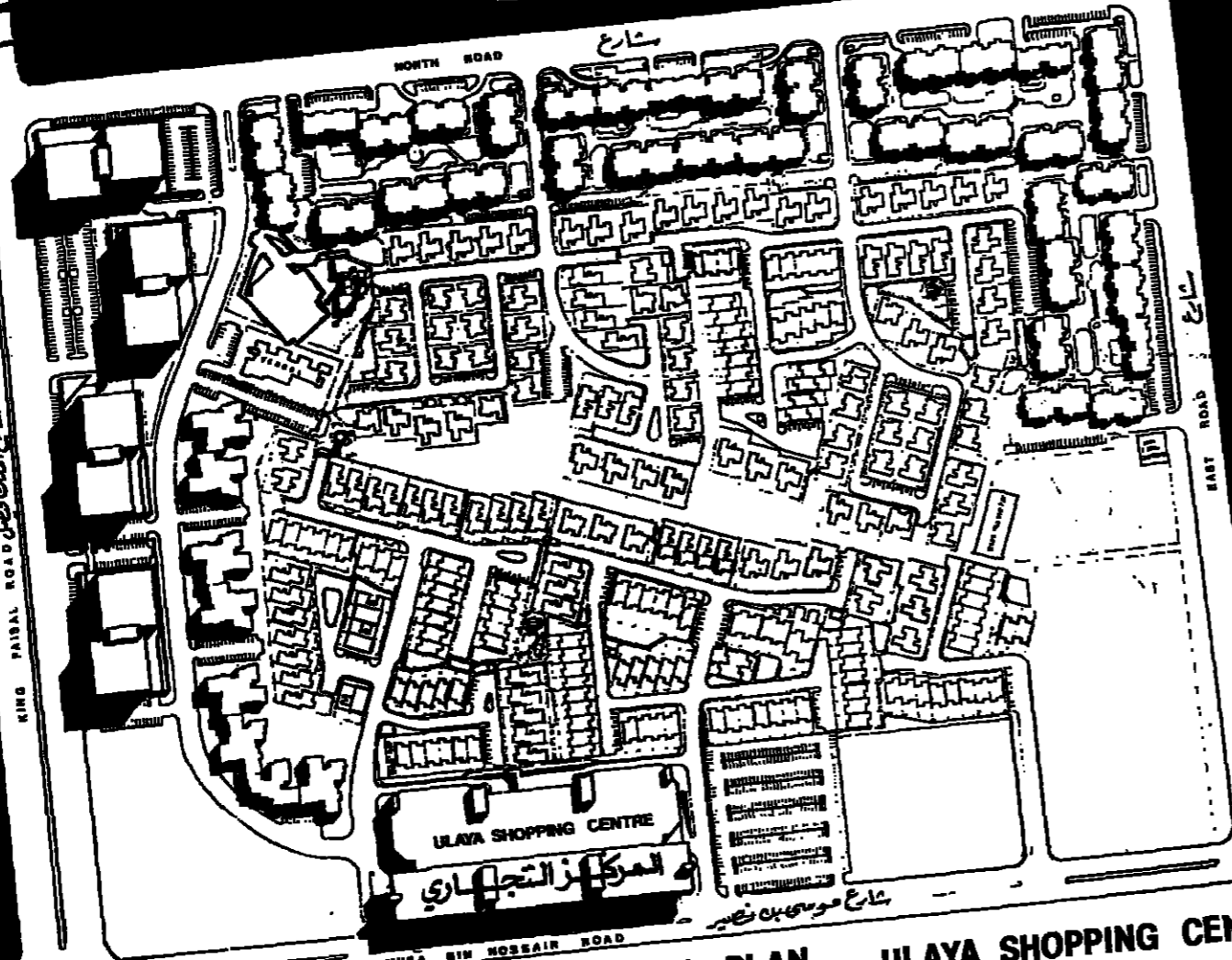
concrete admixtures, concrete surface treatments, grouts, anchoring systems, repair compounds, industrial flooring and protective coatings. The fastest-moving items are repair compounds, which can set a building or structure right again without the need to bring it down, and protective coatings; it added.

Newsome said that their coatings were in great demand because they enable them to redesign a customer's roof so that it becomes water tight. They can also be used for under-ground concrete coatings as there is a lot of salts and sulphates and a very high water table in parts of Saudi Arabia, demanding protection in construction.

The range of coatings includes liquid systems to cold-sheet membrane systems, and Newsome explained it as "right from the Mazdas that Koreans seem to love, to the Rolls Royce in this line," the magazine reported.

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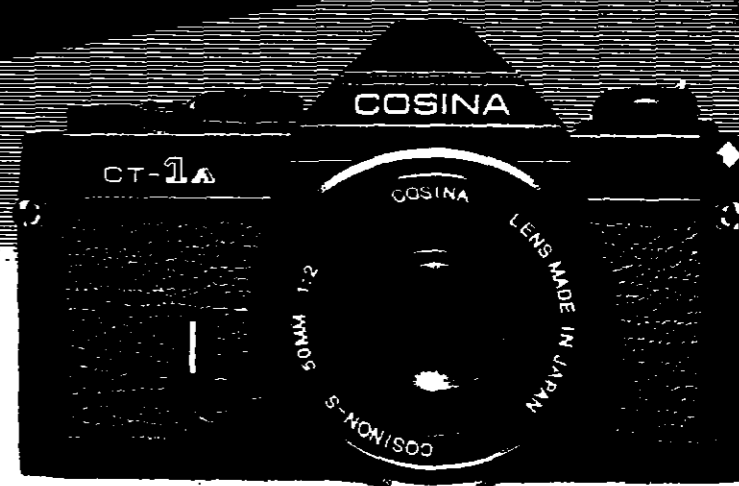
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Riyadh University marks anniversary

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Under the auspices of King Khaled, Riyadh University will celebrate its 25 anniversary Tuesday.

The silver jubilee celebration will be attended by Princes, ministers, senior officials and those in charge of education. Invitations also have been sent out to rectors of universities in Gulf states and North Yemen to attend the function, the first of its kind in the region.

The rectors of the universities will take advantage of the occasion to hold a symposium on higher education in the Gulf region. Also on the same occasion, King Khaled will dedicate Riyadh University's second teaching hospital, which has been named after him. The hospital will be yet another. Also on the same occasion, King Khaled will dedicate Riyadh University's second advanced and modern center that serves health education in the university in addition to providing comprehensive medical care to the public.

The university's celebrations on its silver jubilee will last for one week during which it will open its doors to the public and demonstrate various programs and activities. The public will be acquainted, in addition to their participation in the event, to the care given to students and the success achieved during the quarter of a century that saw significant scientific and educational developments.

The celebration program comprises various cultural, educational and social activities. The university will exploit the occasion to honor some of the leading personalities who participated in the building of the institution through administration, teaching or other responsibilities.

An exhibition also will be organized to illustrate the activities of colleges, departments, scientific centers, institutes and the various administrative sections. Models of projects and scientific, cultural and technical achievements will be displayed to the public during the week. Two days have been allocated to women so that female students and ladies of the society can take their part in the celebrations.

A series of cultural, technical and sports meetings will be organized featuring the universities students and leading men of letters and culture.

During the seminars and dialogues, Sheikh Hamad Al-Jasser will engage in an open dialogue with the public Jan. 2 about the city of Riyadh. Sheikh Abdul Qudous Al-Ansari also will discuss the literature movement in the Kingdom on Jan. 4, while an elite group of leading men of letters, scholars and historians will be hosted by the university to complete the program of seminars and dialogues. These events will be held daily during the week at the general lectures hall.

On the other side, a number of seminars will be organized for television to transmit the grandeur of the event to citizens who will not be able to take part physically. These seminars will deal with the establishment of Riyadh University, its development and the role it plays in the educational progress and development of the Saudi Arabian society. A number of educational issues that concern the youth and public, and a theatrical play has

King Khaled to attend function honoring efforts of past 25 years

been scheduled in the series of seminars.

A Hijra/Gregorian calendar for the next 25 years will be prepared by the university on the occasion and distributed to ministries, other government departments and private organizations in the Kingdom. Sports meetings and several exhibitions for plastic arts, photographs and folklore will be organized to reflect the university's activities. More than 20 types of traditional arts from all parts of the Kingdom will be shown. The programs were prepared by a special committee, which began its deliberations in July this year.

Riyadh university, established in 1957, was a landmark in the Kingdom's higher studies evolution. Its objectives were numerous and colleges in two phases. The first called the phase of four colleges, began with the establishment of the arts, sciences, commerce and pharmacology.

After six years of progress, the second phase was implemented and added the colleges of education, engineering and agriculture and medicine. The progress was set ahead with the introduction of the Arabic language teaching institute for non-Arabs, then the colleges of dentistry and support medical sciences.

A new step was introduced with the opening of the Abha education college — the university was no more confined to the capital. Higher studies and medical sciences colleges were set up in Abha at a later date.

The increase in the number of the university's colleges led to the variety of specialization fields. This broke the restriction of education, which was only to the bachelor's degree stage and set forth a motion toward higher educational diploma levels — masters.

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doctorate and special training session according to the requirements of government departments.

The university officials' efforts extended to providing an ideal life for its students to help them devote their attention to knowledge, research and studying. They were given accommodation supplied with all basic services, free medical care and transport in addition to subsidizing to a large extent expenses of books and encyclopedias. Regular students were granted cash incentives while cultural and recreational trips were organized by the university in addition to sports, literature and arts competitions.

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The university has played a significant role in the economic and social development of the Saudi Arabian society. It had depended on two main sectors: the financial capital and the human capital. In the field of human power, which is more important, the university trained highly qualified personnel for various development departments.

It also had a basic role in research, with scientific and technological applications, in various fields by providing sound planning and development basics.

During the last 10 years, the standard of the number of students registered during the 1980-81 academic year reached 15,066 students, compared to only 7,850 five years earlier. During the first year of its establishment, the number of students enrolled did not exceed 21.

education at the university witnessed huge strides, the first of its kind in a developing country. This is reflected in the immense improvement that covered student counseling graduates, those sent on scholarships abroad, the teaching staff, the educational plans at colleges and various departments.

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Similarly, the number of graduates increased to 9,305 last year from 769 five years ago. In addition, 2,036 non-Saudis graduated from Riyadh University last year, compared to 130 in the 1975-76 academic year. The number of graduates in 1961 was 13 nationals and two foreigners only.

Higher studies graduates last year numbered 81 students, including four in masters and 77 in doctorate degrees. Meanwhile, the number of students sent abroad for higher studies decreased from 118 in the 1975-80 academic year to only 65 last year.

Teaching hospitals are part of the university's support academic units. The Medicine College's King Abdul Aziz Teaching Hospital will be augmented next week by the King Khaled Teaching Hospital. The first hospital receives an average of 750 patients daily providing free treatment to the university's students and their families and nominal fees to the public.

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Pakistan wants amity with USSR, Zia says

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has said Pakistan wanted to build a bridge of friendship with the Soviet Union and solve the Afghan problem in an atmosphere of understanding.

In a national radio and television speech Thursday, Zia said that the situation in neighboring Afghanistan brought about by the Soviet military intervention two years ago had created new dangers for Pakistan's security. "We have no enmity with the Soviet Union, which is a neighbor and also a world power," President Zia said.

"We want to turn this geographical proximity into a bridge of friendship. We want understanding with the Soviet Union on the basis of principles and seek a solution of the Afghanistan problem in an atmosphere of understanding," he said.

Zia said some progress had been made in Pakistan's efforts to find a solution to the problem with the start of indirect talks through the United Nations.

Among Arab states

Egypt biggest recipient of U.S. aid

WASHINGTON Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 — The U.S. Congress had recessed, closing out another year of business which includes doling out military aid. Although the Congress did not approve the large increases requested by the Reagan administration, it passed legislation that will give substantial amounts to countries the United States deems vital to its security interests. Some members of that category include Arab states.

Egypt by far is the biggest recipient among Arab states. Egypt will receive about \$200 million next year in military loans from the

United States (loans that do not have to be paid back). The Egyptian government will receive another \$700 million that must be repaid, but under very favorable terms.

Egypt also will receive another \$14 million for design and development of project in the country related to the United States' Rapid Deployment Force.

Oman will receive about \$80 million next year to expand its air force facilities; while Somalia received about \$24 million to enhance naval facilities there. Like Egypt, Sudan also will receive a non-repayable loan for arms purchases. Sudan next year will get about \$50 million from the United States.

Rightists expel 16 Lebanese villagers

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (AP) — Rightist militiamen in southern Lebanon expelled 16 villagers from their homes during the night, claiming they were supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a U.N. spokesman said Friday.

Kuwait premier in Algeria for talks

ALGIERS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah arrived here Thursday for a four-day official visit, during which he will have talks with President Chadli Benjedid and other top officials about the Middle East and other issues.

The and his party, which included the minis-

ters of finance, trade and information, were met at the airport by Premier Muhammad Abdulghani.

Sheikh Saad said he had come with the aim of coordinating and strengthening Arab efforts to confront "the current challenges to the Arab nation."

Golan move obstacle to peace -- Egypt

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — The Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights is a "new and grave obstacle" to peace, but will not deter Egypt from its determination to carry through the peace process. Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said in an interview here Friday.

In the interview published by *Yedioth Aharonot* newspaper, Ghali described the annexation move, announced 10 days ago, as a "unilateral Israeli act, a fait accompli which goes against United Nations decisions and the Camp David agreements."

The minister said that, coming after the annexation of Jerusalem, the June raid on Iraq's nuclear research station, and the bombing of Beirut this summer, the Golan move "gave ammunition to both Jewish and Arab extremists."

He added, however, that normalization would go ahead between Egypt and Israel, especially as the scheduled return of Sinai to Egypt on April 25 will give the Cairo government "a tangible argument to persuade other Arab countries to join in the peace process."

In the meantime, Israeli Agriculture Minister Simcha Ehrlich said Thursday Israel would evacuate all settlers in the Sinai by the end of March.

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (R) — A delegation from the Council of Europe will arrive in Turkey on a fact-finding mission on Jan. 7, a Turkish Foreign Ministry official said Friday. The delegation will draw up a report for the General Assembly of the council which is to decide on the future of Turkey's membership in the organization, set up in 1949 to promote greater unity among European states.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Algeria's leaders are having to make "a clear choice between those who have faith in the revolution and who work to further it and those who have chosen another way," Algerian President Chadli Benjedid told the closing session Thursday of the current meeting of the central committee of the country's ruling party.

RABAT, (AFP) — Morocco has denied "allegations" by the Western Sahara Polisario Front of a Polisario attack on a Moroccan garrison in the disputed region a week ago.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — A major clean-up operation in Iran's northwestern Kurdistan province caused "heavy losses for armed American mercenaries" in the last few days, the *Etteleat* newspaper said Friday.

NDJAMENA, (AFP) — The Chadian government has decided at a reportedly stormy all-day cabinet meeting to set up a security and defense council, and integrate all factional forces into the national army.

Assad arrives for talks with Zayed

ABU DHABI, Dec. 25 (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad arrived from Qatar Friday for talks with United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan on ways of countering the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights.

"The talks between the two leaders will be aimed at reestablishing the strategic balance between the Arabs and the Israeli enemy, in addition to consolidating collective Arab

action in the coming period," said Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

Assad, who visited Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar before coming to the UAE, has been reported to be seeking help from the Gulf countries to force Israel to go back on its decision to annex the Golan.

The Golan plateau was occupied by Israeli forces during the 1967 Mideast war.

Sources said that Assad was asking the Arab countries to help beef up Syria's military machine and talk the United States into pressuring Israel to rescind the annexation.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar have underscored the importance of combined Arab efforts to face the Israeli move, stressing their readiness to help Syria out against the Zionist state.

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KGB said obtained secrets from GAO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP) — Columnist Jack Anderson said Thursday that he has obtained a secret report that at least three Soviet spies penetrated the General Accounting Office, which audits all government agencies and has access to national secrets.

Anderson said the operation was uncovered in 1979 and that Congress was told about it in a report that is still secret. FBI spokesman Lane Bonner said the bureau will not comment on Anderson's report. No one could be reached Thursday at the General Accounting Office.

Anderson said the report on the operation showed that sometimes the spies within the GAO learned of the existence of sensitive military reports that were so secret they could not obtain copies. In those cases, they passed the reports' secret control numbers to other agents.

The other agents then went to a GAO records center and asked for microfiche copies of the reports by their control numbers. The clerk had no way of knowing that the microfiches contained sensitive materials and handed them over, Anderson said. He broadcast his report on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America."

Anderson said information from the GAO was funneled to two Soviet agents, Vladimir Kvasov, a former assistant naval attaché at the Soviet Embassy who returned to the Soviet Union in August 1980, and Angel Angelov, an assistant military attaché in the Bulgarian Embassy.

Anderson said the information he obtained showed that Kvasov first visited the records center on Jan. 19, 1979 — before the report he sought was available. This showed he had advance information about the report, Anderson said.

The columnist said investigators determined that Kvasov "eventually got at least 15 classified reports on a variety of sensitive military programs" bearing such titles as "Status of the navy's torpedo development program," "U.S. air defense capabilities in Europe" and "Operational problems facing the army's advance helicopter."

Anderson said when the operation was uncovered GAO officials kept their report on it secret from Congress and ordered their counterintelligence people not to tell the FBI.

Report breeds skepticism American insists seeing 'mystery animal'

PASADENA, California, Dec. 25 (AP) — An American just back from the African bush said he's disappointed by hostility from news reporters but insists he and his party "saw some extraordinary animal" at an isolated jungle lake.

"I don't know what we saw," said Herman Regusters, 48, "the Congolese called it a monster. The press called it a dinosaur, although we never once called it that. As far as we're concerned, we just saw some extraordinary animal. There is no doubt in my mind."

Regusters, who returned from his hunt last week, conceded in an interview Wednesday that except for a still-undeveloped picture that may not come out and a static-filled tape recording, the public has only his word and that of his wife, Kia, 34, and African officials that the creature exists.

"Unless something develops in the way of a picture, that's what you have," he said. "But I don't really know what it would take to convince people. If we produced a picture, people are going to say it's a phony." Before leaving for the expedition to the

Congo Republic last September, Regusters, an aerospace engineer, said the huge creature had been described in native reports for centuries. And he said natives, talking with earlier visitors, had chosen as pictures of what they call "mokele-mbembe," pictures of a dinosaur that has been extinct for 60 million years. He said the animal was seen several times in the water of land-locked Lake Tele.

"We saw the neck of some sort of animal on three or four occasions," he said. "And we saw a huge portion of the back. We never saw a tail and we never saw it out of the water."

He said the creature had a "serpent-like neck that tapered down to a head. It did not have a distinguishable head at all. The skin appeared a very dark grey in color with a slick surface like wet elephant or hippopotamus skin."

Reporters at a crowded news conference Tuesday were skeptical about the Regusters. "The Congolese press and the European press never once showed us such rudeness," he said.

Regusters also said he's eager to return to swampy Lake Tele to continue the quest and a French group has shown some interest in a follow-up journey. The lake, he said, covers about two square miles and is more than 200 feet deep in the middle.

The tape recording was indistinct at best. It sounded about like wind whistling through an irrigation pipe, though Regusters said, "the natives identified it as the roar of this animal."

A single photograph, which Mrs. Regusters said she took when the animal's neck rose briefly from the water about 100 feet away from their boat about noon on Nov. 28, was being processed.

"The haste and the conditions under which the one picture was attempted and the condition of our equipment leaves room for a lot of doubt about anything coming out of it," he said.

He said he's looking for specialists to analyze biological, insect and water samples from the lake "to see if there are (provable) things in this area that have not been seen before."

U.S. denies backing Angolans in Zaire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (R) — The State Department has denied Portuguese press reports that the United States was supporting 2,000 Angolan rebels assembled across the Angolan border in Zaire.

"These reports are totally without foundation," spokesman Dean Fischer said of the story in the Portuguese newspaper *Diario De Lisboa*, considered close to the Communist Party. "The reports smack of a deliberate disinformation effort to revive groundless accusations made a few years ago of U.S. support for Angolan opposition groups," he added.

Fischer said the Reagan administration had emphasized that it was working to

achieve peaceful solutions to the problems of southern Africa. The administration is also prohibited by law from aiding any rebels in their attempts to overthrow the Marxist government in Luanda.

Fischer said the administration hoped to "deepen our dialogue" with the Angolan government and had responded positively to President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos' recent statement that Angola was prepared to talk to the United States.

Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi, head of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), recently held private talks with Secretary of State Alexander

Haig and other U.S. officials in Washington.

But Fischer said these discussions "focused on our commitment to achieving political, rather than military solutions to regional problems." He said Savimbi also expressed support for U.S. efforts to achieve a peaceful solution in Southern Africa.

The U.S. Congress recently refused a request from President Reagan to lift a ban on U.S. aid to anti-government rebels in Angola. The United States, although its oil companies have extensive interests there, does not recognize the leftist regime of President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos.

Waldheim spends last day at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 25 (AP) — For Kurt Waldheim of Austria, Thursday was his last working day in the 38th-floor office here that he has occupied for the last 10 years as secretary-general of the United Nations.

His second five-year term expires Dec. 31 and Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru begins a five-year term as the new secretary-general on New Year's Day.

Waldheim spent part of the day receiving the credentials of a new U.N. ambassador from Togo and accepting visits from other ambassadors that came to bid him farewell.

Khwaja Muhammad Kaiser of Bangladesh, Carmelo Nvono Menene of Equatorial Guinea and Miljan Komatina of Yugoslavia paid the farewell calls.

The new Togolese ambassador, Atsu-Koffi

Amega, 49, had been president of his country's Supreme Court since 1973. He fills a long-standing vacancy in his mission.

A U.N. spokesman, Rudolf Stajduhar, said Waldheim would go to Florida on vacation next Monday but would be back the first week in January "to be available to the new secretary-general to discuss any matter the new secretary-general would like to discuss then." Waldheim will stay in New York through January and then return to Austria.

Perez de Cuellar, a U.N. undersecretary-general in Waldheim's cabinet from Feb. 27, 1979, to last May 31, is now in Lima. He was nominated for secretary-general by the Security Council on Dec. 11, elected to the post by the General Assembly on Dec. 15 and immediately sworn in by the assembly president, Ismat T. Kittani of Iraq.

In annual message

Elizabeth lauds bravery

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP) — Courage was the theme of Queen Elizabeth II's annual message to Britain and the Commonwealth Friday. In the five-minute radio and television address, seen and heard around the world, the British monarch referred to Northern Ireland, her nation's nearly three million unemployed and the many people of Asian and West Indian origin facing discrimination here.

It was the 50th royal annual message in a tradition begun by the queen's grandfather King George V in 1932. Referring to handicapped people she had met during 1981 — the International Year of the Disabled — the queen said: "I am sure that many of you, like myself, have been impressed by the courage they show."

Citing other types of bravery, she said Britain's armed forces and police were showing it every day. "So are the fire services, ambulance drivers, members of the public and even children — and the courage of the bomb disposal experts fills us with awe. All around us we see these acts of selflessness, people putting the life of someone else before their own," she said.

"It is not only the disabled who are show-

ing day-today perseverance and courage," the 55-year-old monarch continued.

"This year we should remember especially the people of Northern Ireland who are attempting to live ordinary lives in times of strain and conflict; the unemployed who are trying to maintain their self-respect without work and to care for their families, and those from other parts of the Commonwealth who have come to Britain to make new lives but have not yet found themselves fully accepted."

The summer of 1981 saw widespread inner-city rioting by non-whites in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other British cities.

The queen said most important of all is "moral courage." "As human beings we generally know what is right and how we should act and speak. But we are also very aware of how difficult it is to have the courage of our convictions."

She then quoted a poem she had been sent a few weeks ago:

"When all your world is torn with grief and strife

Think yet — when there seems nothing left to men

The frail and time-worn fabric of your life
The golden thread of courage has no end."

BRIEFS

LIMA (R) — Peruvian Justice Minister Enrique Elias escaped an assassination attempt in Lima Thursday when three convicts shot at him during a prison ceremony, a Justice Ministry spokesman said. The prisoners opened fire with revolvers as Elias was presenting machinery for use in El Sexto Prison workshop. Their shots hit a wall and they were quickly overpowered by security guards, the spokesman said.

NEW YORK (AFP) — Police Thursday night defused a bomb under a car outside a

Soviet U.N. mission house block, following an anonymous phone tip to a daily newspaper, officials confirmed here Friday. The anonymous call to the New York *Daily News* claimed the bomb in the name of the Jewish Defense League.

ACCRA (AFP) — Ghana's top trade union leader accused the Ghanaian government of failing to come up with any meaningful program to fight "the scourge of unemployment" although it complained about it every year.

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Can the army bring Poles back to work?

By Brian Mooney

WARSAW —

Poland's military appears to have won the first round of a battle to subdue a restless nation, but rarely has the political and economic future of this key Soviet bloc state looked more uncertain. In less than two weeks, the generals have succeeded in locking up a country that had grown, in the eyes of Moscow, cocky with freedom. They did so with shock therapy and force, aided by a bitter winter.

Some crucial questions remain:
— Can the generals get the Poles to stay back at work?
— Can they control the forces they have unleashed?
— Will Poles forgive the bloodshed?
— Do the generals have any solutions to Poland's economic problems?

At the moment there appear to be few clear answers. Although the streets of Warsaw and provincial capitals have been cleared of snow in record time by civilians conscripted for military service, it was often a different story inside the factories from which they were drafted.

Independent witnesses said there were plants where workers stood idly by their machines, guarded by soldiers to prevent sabotage. There was no way of establishing how many plants were affected by some form of go-slow but by the 10th day of martial law state television had shown not one major factory or mine at work.

The state media acknowledged one case of sabotage at underground reports have spoken of several dozens. The key test for work, however, will come after the holidays when industrial plants which put up the strongest resistance are officially reopened.

The Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, which was stormed three times before being virtually cleared, has been ordered closed until after the new year. There are persistent independent reports that a group of workers are still holding out there inside an acetylene gas storehouse which they were threatening to blow up.

There have been signs that those in power are determined to keep the militants at bay. Each day has brought reports indicating that old-guard hardliners and Stalinists are returning to prominence. Security agents who had been out of sight throughout the 17-month Solidarity period are seen everywhere again. Poles say they are again afraid to talk openly, and many — liberals or with pro-Western leanings — are being purged from their jobs.

Well informed sources say the hardliners intend to establish a new Communist Party, removing people they regard as opportunists and fair-weather travelers who sat by as Solidarity rose to prominence. The sources also maintain that the hardliners, encouraged and advised by Moscow, had been working for a political counter-coup as long as the accession of Polish Pope John Paul in October 1978, whose election provided a focus for Polish aspirations.

The generals have, however, pledged publicly to return Poland to normal as soon as possible and deny accusations that they have seized power. They also say that there will be no vengeance. But their opponents say purges, mass detentions and internments belie these undertakings.

The deaths of workers have also damaged, if not wrecked, the image of the new martial law authorities. Solidarity rose from the shoudering resentment of the memory of workers killed in food riots in 1970 and 1976 and the conviction that this would never happen again.

It became an article of faith with Solidarity that Polish workers, members of a workers' republic, would never again be shot, and a conviction gained currency in Warsaw and the West that Soviet bloc communism was reformable. The events of Dec. 13, when martial law was imposed, shattered this conviction.

The authorities, however, have mounted a media campaign to convince the public that it was Solidarity, not they, who fired the first shots. They have produced plans, weapons and other evidence which they claim showed that union extremists were preparing an armed insurrection, although Western correspondents who covered dozens of Solidarity meetings do not recall hearing discussion of any such plans.

The authorities now appear determined to resurrect Solidarity on their own terms, recreating the union as an organization subservient to the ruling Communist Party. Each day Solidarity activists are quoted in the media as recanting from extremism and admitting the errors of the leadership.

As long as Lech Walesa, the union's leader, holds out, the prospect remains that there will be two Solidarity movements — the officially-sanctioned union and the underground movement loyal to the original goals of the 1980 labor revolt. (R)

Yugoslav bid to end Gulf war

By Peter Ristic

BELGRADE —

Yugoslav historian Vladimir Dedjic is setting up an international peace foundation whose first task will be an attempt to end the Iran-Iraq war. His move comes after visits to Tehran and Baghdad over the past 18 months, including a two-hour meeting with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein late last month.

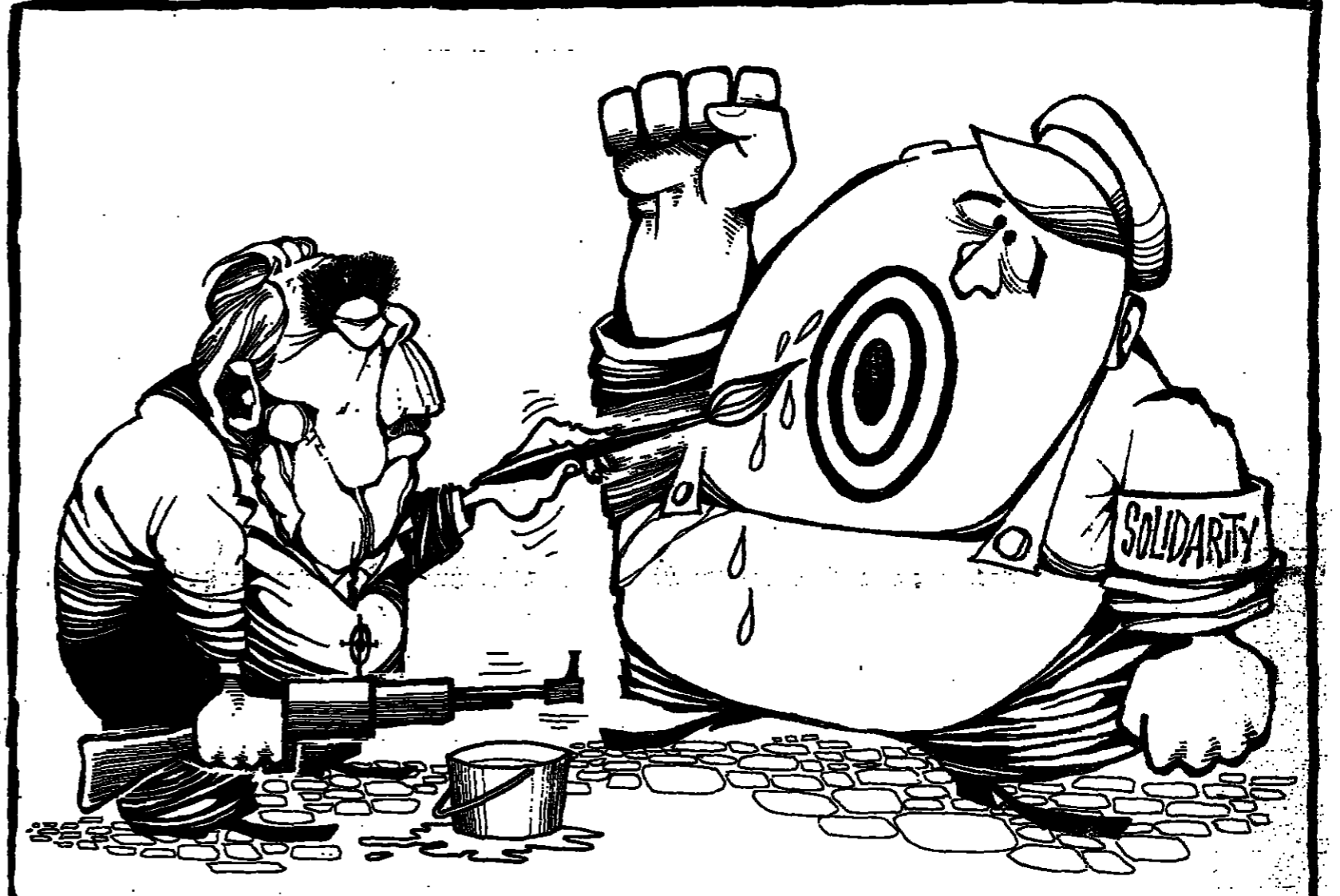
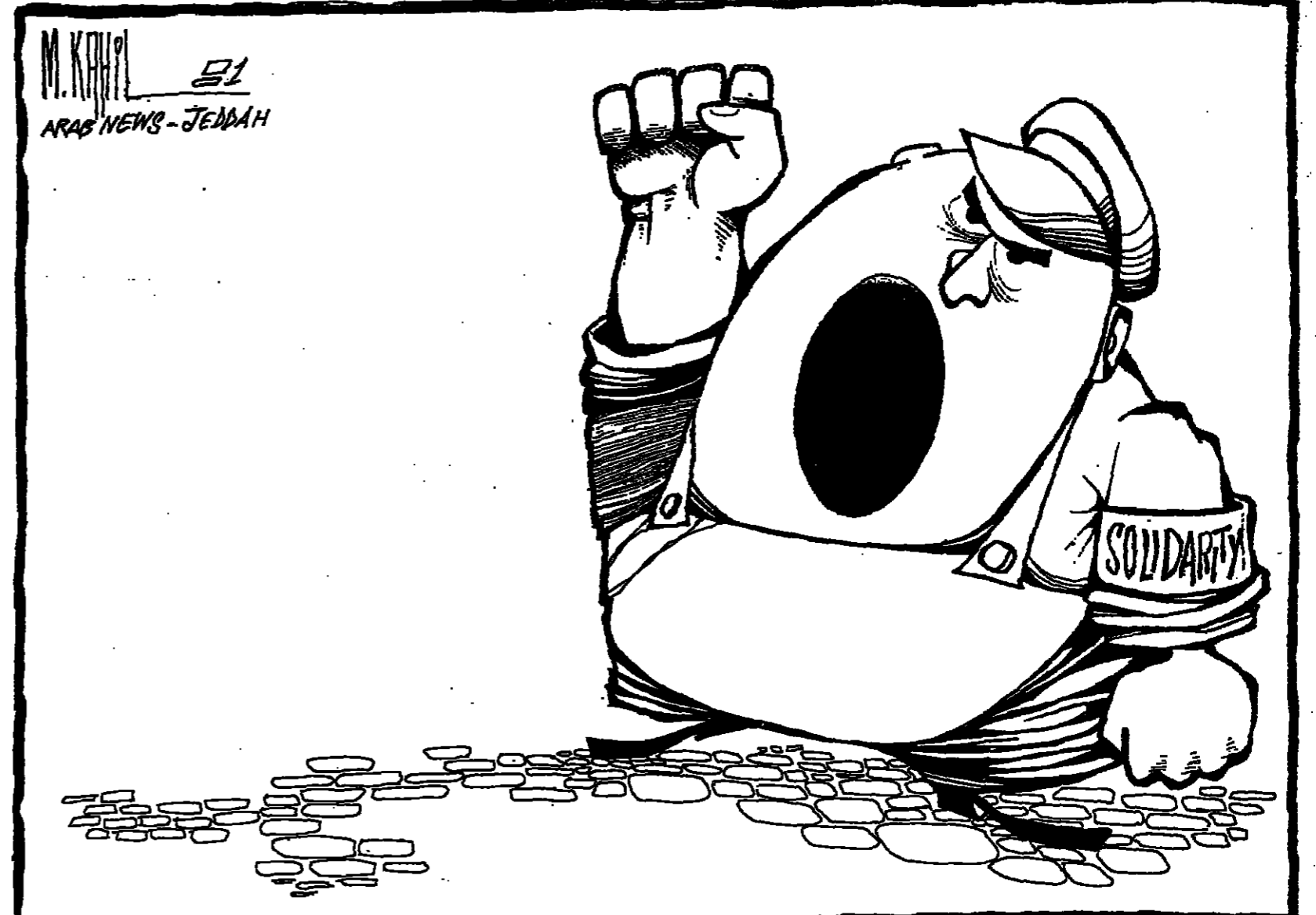
Details of the foundation were published in Bonn recently, a place probably preferred because Yugoslavia, a leading member of the Nonaligned Movement, does not want to be directly identified with what Dedjic describes as an individual effort for peace.

"I am a lone wolf, a man for myself," he said in an interview. But it is clear the Yugoslav authorities, who are deeply disturbed at the continuation of hostilities between the two nonaligned nations and the damage this is doing to the cohesion of the movement, are not hindering his "one man" efforts.

Finance for the foundation will come from the sales of Dedjic's new biography of President Tito, which has sold 100,000 copies in Yugoslavia in the first weeks of publication.

Members of the foundation — which has as its aim to be ready to negotiate in any disputes, especially those between nonaligned nations will include pacifists, humanists and several winners of the Nobel Prize, according to Dedjic. It will have its headquarters in Switzerland.

The Yugoslav authorities would like to see such a body. Disputes between nonaligned nations have escalated since the foundation of the movement and its growth to more than 100 members embracing more than half the world's population.



U.S. foreign policy hit by president-Congress row

By Catherine Rain

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON —

Within the complex system of checks and balances in American democracy, it is difficult to determine where the power to make foreign policy decisions ultimately lies. Many Americans feel the power should rest in the Congress which would allow the American people to give input in America's foreign endeavors. Others believe the president should be solely responsible for conducting American foreign policy, contending this would be more expedient and efficient. This age-old debate for power in the American government structure has become more serious as the problems in international relations become more challenging.

The first significant congressional challenge to the president's foreign policy prerogative occurred when the Senate rejected President Woodrow Wilson's Versailles Treaty in 1920. However, it was not until the 1970s when the Congress really began to attach strings to the Executive Branch's authority in conducting external relations.

The thrust of the rash of congressionally initiated foreign policy legislation in the 1970s was to restrict the president's ability to dispatch troops abroad in a crisis, and to limit his authority in arms sales, trade, human rights, foreign assistance and intelligence operations. During this period, over 150 separate prohibitions and restrictions were enacted.

The U.S. Constitution designates that the congressional role in the making of U.S. foreign policy is to appropriate monies for armed forces and to declare war. The Congress has special authority in the field of trade and the Senate has the duty of advice and consent in the making of treaties. However, there are no special rights, according to the constitution, in the field of external affairs which is in the hands of the Executive Branch.

By using its power to appropriate funds for U.S. foreign operations, Congress succeeded in gaining a foothold in foreign policy decision making. And in the 1970s, the foreign policy aim of most congressmen was to end the Vietnam war — a war that caused so much domestic turmoil that congressional action was almost imperative. The series of anti-war amendments that came about reflected the Congress' frustration with the war in Vietnam and its desire to prevent such a situation from ever happening again.

These anti-amendments attempted to legislate the United States right out of the war because it apparently did not look like President Richard Nixon was going to end American troops home. These included the Cooper-Church Amendment (1971) cutting off funds for U.S. troops, advisers

and air support in and over Cambodia. The Eagleton Amendment (1973) called for American withdrawal from Laos and Cambodia and the McGovern-Hatfield Amendment (1970-71) which set deadlines for American withdrawal from Indochina. Only the Cooper-Church Amendment actually became law but, nonetheless, congressmen were beginning to flex their muscles in the international arena.

Perhaps the most significant action that limited the president's authority is encompassed in the War Powers Act passed in 1973 despite a presidential veto by Nixon. The act provides that before American troops are introduced "into hostilities or into situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances," the president is to consult with Congress "in every possible instance."

Other legislation limited the president's freedom of action in building bilateral relationships which came under the Nelson-Bingham Amendments, beginning with the 1974 Foreign Assistance Act. This legislation required the president to give advance notice to Congress of any offer to sell to foreign countries defense articles and services valued at \$25 million or more and empowered Congress to disapprove such sales within 20 days.

In 1976, the Nelson-Bingham Amendment to the Arms Export Control Act tightened these restrictions to include advance notification of any sale of "major" defense equipment totaling over \$7 million. Congress is now given 30 days in which to exercise its legislative veto.

Congressional restraint on U.S. military ventures abroad in the 1970s seems evident in view of America's unsuccessful experience in Vietnam, the decisions made by President Nixon which further plunged the United States into war and the outrage felt by the American people toward the war. The question today however, is whether or not the president is too limited in his power to be effective in a world which is undergoing such rapid changes.

John Towers, a senator from Texas since 1961, believes that the Congress should reexamine its role in the conduct of foreign policy and repeal or amend, as necessary, the legislation of the 1970s. Towers, in his article in *Foreign Affairs* magazine, said the U.S. government must "do whatever is necessary to strengthen America's ability to formulate and implement a unified, coherent and cohesive foreign policy to face the challenges of the 1980s."

Towers argues that there are 535 congressmen with different philosophies, regional interests and objectives in mind and that it is impossible for them to forge a unified foreign policy that reflects the interests of the United States as a whole. On the

other hand, he said the president is the only official of government who is elected by and responsible to the nation as a whole. "The president has the information, professional personnel, operational experience, and national mandate to conduct a consistent long-range foreign policy," Towers said.

Towers pointed out several cases where congressional legislation in the area of foreign policy has cost the U.S. government too much time and attention or has even caused unnecessary damage in U.S. relations with other countries. The recent debate over the sale of AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) surveillance aircraft to Saudi Arabia is a good example.

Congressional involvement in the sale which caused widespread national debate, according to Towers, "blew the issue out of proportion" and caused long delays in the transaction of the sale. Towers said that congressmen were too concerned about reelection by their constituents than they were about America's national interest and its important relationship with Saudi Arabia.

The 1975 sale of HAWK surface-to-air mobile missiles to Jordan is also another case discussed by Towers. Following congressional deliberations over the sale, the sale finally passed through Congress but in compromise form — Congress bargained that the wheels had to be taken off before shipment. Presumably, HAWK missiles without wheels would allow the Jordanians to use them in fixed position to protect the capital and key military locations, and prevent them from moving the missiles to the front line to be used against Israel.

Towers believes the Congress' decision to take the wheels off still had serious repercussions on U.S.-Jordanian relations. He also noted that King Hussein could easily get the wheels from the Soviet Union. The Congress, according to Towers, only succeeded in antagonizing U.S. relations with Jordan rather than cementing them, which is the purpose behind foreign aid packages. As a result, King Hussein is today looking to the Soviet Union to update his military arsenal.

American foreign policy will be unable to meet the critical challenges of the 1980s unless presidential power in foreign affairs is restored, according to Towers. Towers believes that Congress will tie up the president's hands to the point where the U.S. government is paralyzed to formulate and implement foreign policy decisions. However, if Congress unleashes the president to conduct foreign policy as his administration dictates, there is no guarantee that America will not entangle itself in a Vietnam-like situation again.

Thus the conflict between the Congress and the president in the making of foreign policy will certainly continue, at least throughout this decade.

ARAB DISARRAY

With unusual frankness King Hussein has commented on and lamented the state of disarray in the Arab world but because of the dictates of diplomacy and statesmanship he stopped short of detailing the reasons for this sorry state of affairs. At the same time, he warned the Arabs that Israel was stronger militarily than ever before and could wage a full-scale war on them at once and for six months on end without seeking foreign assistance.

This has been known all along. After the 1973 October war in which the Arabs at first defeated Israel and were about to regain their occupied lands before the U.S. joined the fray in full force against them, Israel has become a storehouse of the latest and most lethal U.S.-made weaponry. It has more tanks, more aircraft and more rockets than at any other time in its history.

But this state of war readiness by Israel and its impressive arsenal should have prompted the Arabs to close their ranks and mend their fences. Instead, they have actually been either fighting each other or deliberately weakening themselves. Iraq is involved in a long and costly war with Iran. Iran which at first started as a friend of the Arabs and an avowed enemy of Israel changed course and coats and provoked an unnecessary war with Iraq.

The other Arab states are either helping Iraq or Iran, by proxy. The fine Moroccan army has been bogged down in the quicksands of the Sahara in a war with the Polisario who are being supplied by Algeria and Libya, again to the detriment of all the Arabs. Other inter-Arab conflicts elsewhere have also contributed to the general decline of the Arab military capability with the result that last year Israel annexed the holy city of Jerusalem and two weeks ago the Syrian Golan Heights while the Arabs could do nothing to undo the damage.

This is a sad state of affairs and King Hussein minced no words in spelling out the disaster. It remains for other Arab leaders to realize the extent that their actions or inaction have contributed to bring about this situation in which joint and meaningful Arab action has become a sadly remote possibility.

Saudi Arabian press review

Crown Prince Fahd's statement in which he asserted this country's full backing to Syria following the Israeli parliament's vote to annex the Syrian Golan Heights and his call for Arab solidarity to face the challenges imposed on the Arab and Islamic worlds, figured for editorial comments Friday.

Referring to Wednesday's remarks by Crown Prince Fahd, *Okaz* urged the Arab leaders to sincerely and honestly respond to Fahd's request and restore Arab solidarity "which has become inevitable to encounter the dangers threatening the Arabs' dignity and existence."

"Out of its awareness of the dimensions of the Israeli ambitions which are not confined to the Golan Heights or Jerusalem, Prince Fahd called for restoring Arab solidarity and immediately working out a joint Arab strategy to foil the Zionist designs implicit in the annexation vote. Such vote

aims to defeat any Arab or international visualization on the Mideast conflict or any solution contradicting with Israel's conditions which reject any fair solution to the Palestinian issue," the paper said.
Referring to Prince Fahd's decision to postpone his trip to the United States, scheduled for Jan. 19, the paper said the postponement came in view of the current situation in the middle East and "the necessity to see Fahd close to the stage of the region's developments since the Kingdom has a responsible role in defending Arab issues."
"Fahd's presence close to the Mideast developments stems from Saudi Arabia's role to mobilize and coordinate the Arabs' international relations and to urge a firmer U.S. stance on the Mideast issue in the light of Washington's rejection of Israel's decision to annex the Golan Heights," the paper added. (SPA)

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Bangladesh jute industry promoted, profitability, foreign trade assured

DACCA—The jute industry here entered a new era last year when Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) earned its highest-ever foreign exchange of \$59.5 billion and for the first time made a handsome profit.

The jute industry was never profitable in the past; but since it was the main foreign exchange earner at one time, contributing about 95 percent of the total earnings, the government continued to extend subsidies until 1977-78. Since BJMC took over, the mills have displayed remarkable progress in production, export and foreign exchange earnings and resilience within the fluctuating foreign market.

Production Soars

Performance-wise, 1969-70 was considered to be the golden year for the jute industry when production soared to 5.61 lac tons. This record was actually broken in 1977-78 in terms of product yardage, without even accounting for production losses due to power failures and labor unrest. As a matter of fact, the year 1977-78 should be regarded as the golden year for the jute industry as it produced 52 million tons and earned \$37.2 billion in foreign exchange.

Aggressive Marketing

Until recently, BJMC was confined to conventional types of products for supplying the specifications of foreign buyers. Now, BJMC has embarked on a more aggressive marketing program. A new department for market research and promotion has been created and overseas marketing offices established in Nairobi, Canberra, Brussels, Singapore and Atlanta, Georgia. More similar centers will be established soon at other important centers of world trade.

This aggressive marketing policy has led to effective production planning and diversified product development. The production target this year has been set at .61 million tons of jute goods to be produced with an around-the-clock operation.

Product Diversification

Present BJMC products include design, sacking, carpetbacking cloth (CBC), wall-covering, union fabrics, decorative fabrics, matting, tapes and felts.

Experimentation in product development is also a continuous process, aimed at developing more and more diversification. Two more factories will be set up in the near future to produce specialized goods like car-



RAW MATERIAL: A worker in Bangladesh cuts mature jute plants for use in mills which convert it into many useful products.

pets, tote bags, upholstery, and draperies.

Quality control measures are also paying off with rich dividends. Last year, there were no major complaints from any foreign buyers. This demonstrates that BJMC's world-wide good will and its increasing efficiency are being recognized.

The completion of two very modern ten-loom carpet factories was a major event of 1979-80. Built for \$290 million with an Iraqi credit of \$160 million, the mills will produce 1.1 to 1.2 million square yards of carpet and are predicted to earn \$150 million annually.

Carpets produced by the Baghdad-Dacca and Furat-Karnafuli Carpet factories in Chittagong are fully finished with backing. The products are fade-proof, easy to care for and free from static electricity and non-allergenic. The "Golden Tiger" carpets are popular in Bangladesh and expected to gain a world-wide market and reputation.

Manpower Development

BJMC is also giving attention to the

development of skilled manpower, providing training for all employees, including workers. The firm has been using training facilities provided by the government, universities and both private and public institutions and its own training centers.

In keeping with nationalization aims, BJMC's labor policy aims to provide workers with maximum benefits. Jute mill workers are provided with a wide range of benefits which include everything from subsidized canteen food, to death benefits of up to 18 months salary and other benefits specified by the Factories Act of 1955 and Workmen's Compensation Act. All mills have medical centers with doctors and provide education for workers' children, recreation centers and other benefits designed to keep workers happy and healthy and boost product output.

Inefficiency Reduced

The over-all efficiency of the corporation has also been improved with the introduction of a Management Information Service (MIS). Waste has been reduced from 10.98 percent in 1972-73, to 7.09 percent in 1978-79. Last year this figure dropped even more to 6.08 percent.

Previously, BJMC was totally dependent on foreign manufacturers to provide its 40 thousand spare parts items. This dependence has been reduced with development of Galbra-Habib Ltd., a manufacturing plant which produces spare parts and by improving the capacity of workshops in individual mills to manufacture parts. By the end of the Second Five-Year Plan, BJMC will be able to procure more than 85 percent of its spare parts locally.

Consolidated Gains Expected

BJMC's future projects aim at consolidating the gains achieved so far. Production and export targets have been set at 7.36 lac tons and 6.10 lac tons respectively. With the present pace of development, these targets like the supply of raw jute, spares and labor unrest have been to a great extent stabilized.

The performance of the mills during the first half of the current financial year is a good efficiency indicator. During the period, BJMC produced 9.9 percent more than that of the previous year and earned \$28.28 billion, which is also an increase of 4.45 percent above the previous year.



LAGREST INDUSTRY: One of Bangladesh's 77 jute mills is shown here in operation. Until 1977-78, this industry was government subsidized, since then it has been supporting itself and is now making a profit.

Medical researchers develop new protein thought to easily dissolve blood clots

By Yuki Ishikawa

TOKYO, (AP)—A team of Japanese medical researchers says it has found what may be a promising new means of dissolving blood clots—a protein substance artificially produced through splicing of genes found in a common virus.

Dr. Nenzo Sakurai, chief researcher of Yakult Research Center in Tokyo, said his research team recently succeeded in producing an enzyme called Staphylokinase inside an E. Coli bacterium. The Yakult team reported its research at a microbiology conference last November.

Staphylokinase is a protein produced naturally when a virus enters into Staphylococcus, a pathogenic microorganism that causes skin diseases.

E. Coli bacteria are capsule-shaped inhabitants of human intestines one one-thousandth of an inch long. They have proven to be microscopic factories to manufacture potentially valuable proteins, or drugs, such as growth hormones, insulin and interferon, which some medical authorities say may be useful in treating cancer.

Sakurai said he and his colleagues, using

gene-splicing techniques, were able to isolate certain genes from the virus and insert them into E. Coli's genetic material. The genetically-engineered E. Coli then is programmed to manufacture only the protein substance.

The enzyme produced inside the E. Coli cell excretes through the cell's inner membrane and is stored between it and the outer membrane. This makes separation of the substance from the cell a relatively simple procedure of breaking the outer membrane, Sakurai said. "We now can create three times as much substance as nature does, and our goal is to make it ten times," he said.

That goal is not too distant a prospect, according to the Yakult team, because an E. Coli cell divides once every 20 minutes while in 24 hours one E. Coli grows into an astronomical number of cells—five billion times one trillion.

One of the last hurdles the Japanese scientists must yet clear is how to purify the isolated protein substance. "We have already tried several purifying methods, and I think we have good prospects for obtaining a fairly pure substance," Sakurai said. He declined, however, to elaborate on this.

Professor Takashi Yura of Kyoto Univer-

sity said Sakurai's effort is "very interesting" in that the gene-spliced enzyme is stored between the two membranes. "In addition," he said, "the research may cast light on the genetic structure of Staphylococcus, which is largely unknown."

Masahiko Mutai, executive managing director of Yakult Co., a leading maker of cultured milk products, said, "we are talking about a 65 billion yen (\$300 million) market of Thrombolytic agents, and our Staphylokinase may become a bonanza if animal and human experiments show it to be non-toxic."

Mutai pointed out, however, that any commercial production of the drug would be years away, with perhaps at least three billion yen (\$13.8 million) needed for research.

Demand for Thrombolytic, or anti-clotting agents, has increased in recent years in treating heart attack and stroke. Widely used in Japan to dissolve blood clots is an enzyme called Urokinase, an extract from human urine.

Creation of Urokinase by gene-splicing has already been reported in the United States, but Sakurai said, he believes his research group is the world's first to engineer the production of Staphylokinase.

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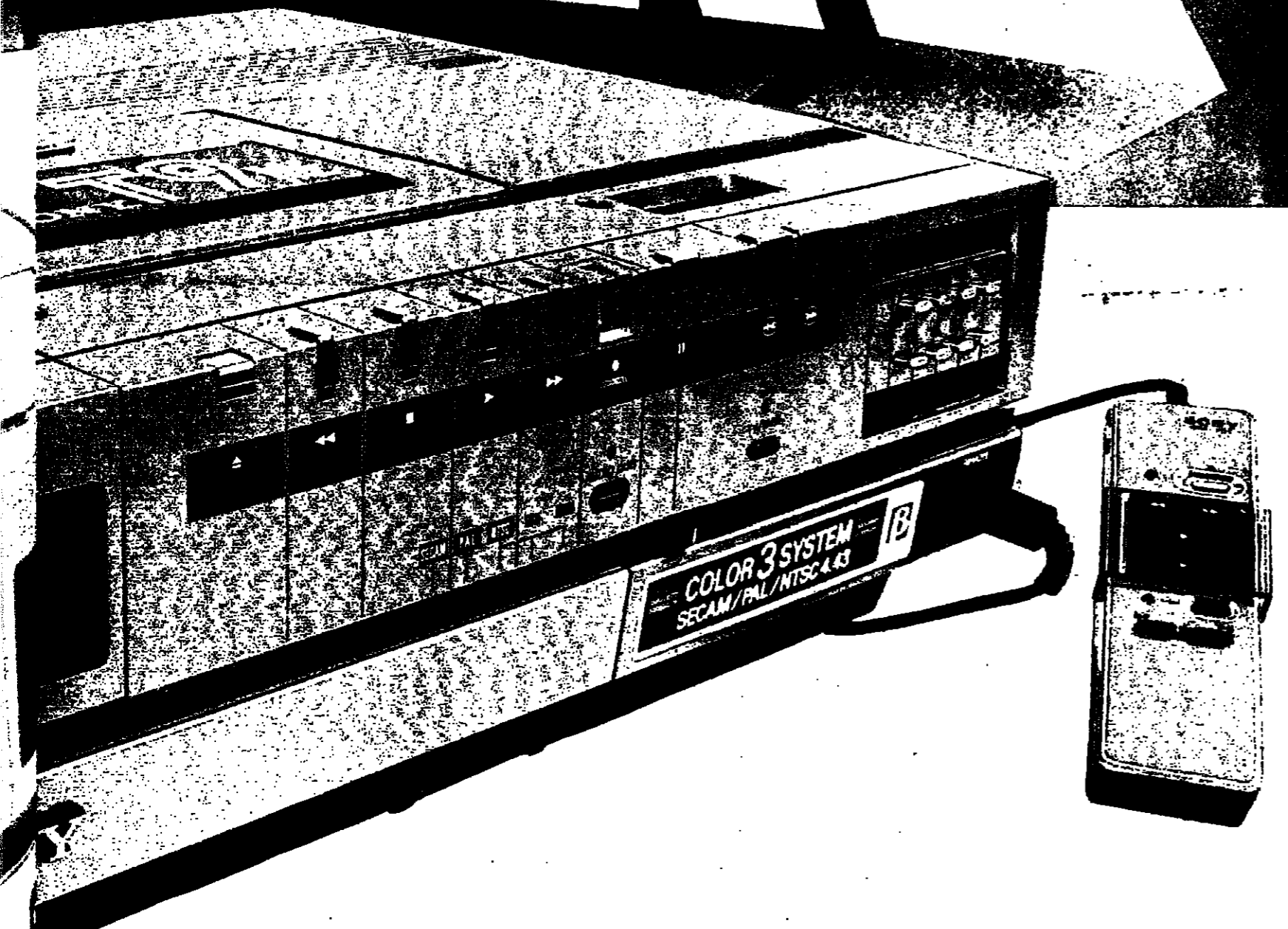
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Argentina decides to float currency

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 25 (R) — Argentina's new economy minister, Roberto Alemann, has announced that the country's two-tier foreign exchange market had been scrapped and that the peso would be allowed to float.

The peso's free market rate immediately rose from Wednesday's close of 10,250 to the dollar to 9,500. Alemann's announcement to a news conference followed a speech Wednesday night by new military President Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri, ordering a big dose of austerity and a smaller state role in the economy as a cure for the country's worst crisis this century.

The two-tier system was introduced last June by former Economy Minister Lorenzo Sigaut to take selling pressure off the currency after a series of devaluations. The commercial rate for import and export transactions was regulated by the central bank while the financial rate for tourism, loans and

international currency transfers floated. The commercial rate Wednesday was 7,248 pesos.

The peso has fallen from around 2,000 to the dollar at the beginning of the year as inflation has risen to well over 100 percent, unemployment has mushroomed and the country has virtually run out of foreign exchange reserves. In future, the central bank will only buy or sell in the foreign exchange market as an agent for the government and government-owned companies seeking to cash or repay overseas loans, Alemann said.

He also raised the ceiling for daily foreign currency purchases by the public from \$1,000 per person per day to \$20,000. Alemann is one of seven civilians in the 10-man cabinet appointed by Gen. Galtieri when he took power Tuesday. The choice of Alemann, a veteran of several military governments, was seen as a step toward a free market approach to the economy.

Indian textile industry faces crisis

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25 (AFP) — The cotton textiles manufacturing industry is now in a state of financial crisis and many of the "marginal" mills are on the verge of closing down. *The Economic Times* reported here Friday.

It said in a dispatch from Bombay that a delegation of executives from leading mills would shortly meet Commerce Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Finance Minister R. Venkataraman to seek remedial measures. "Almost all the mills are facing an acute crisis resulting from accumulation of cloth and yarn stocks and escalating operational costs."

Industry sources were quoted as saying, Mills were resorting to distress sales because of the crisis. Other factors included a credit squeeze by banks in instructions from the Reserve Bank of India, as part of an overall drive to curb prices.

The paper noted that the cost of producing cotton yarn had shot up by 22 percent whereas the average realization on sale had improved only by 13 percent. The cost of producing cloth had gone up by about 20 percent but the price had increased only 11 percent.

U.S. Steel not to contest judgment

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 25 (R) — The U.S. Steel Corporation says it will give up share purchase options it was granted in a takeover battle with the Mobil Corporation for Control of the Marathon Oil Company.

The federal appeals court in Cincinnati ruled Wednesday that the options were manipulative and illegal and the corporation said in a statement Thursday that it would not contest the Judgment further. The options granted by Marathon would have enabled U.S. Steel, if another company won the battle, to buy Marathon's 49.5 percent share in the Yates oil and Gas Oilfield in Texas for \$2.8 billion and \$10 million of new Marathon shares at the bargain price of \$90.

Mobil, the second largest oil company in the United States, is widely believed to want Marathon because of its interest in the Yates Field, the largest proven U.S. oil and gas field after Alaska's Prudhoe Bay Field. Marathon's management has already approved U.S. Steel's bid of \$6.3 billion or \$125 a share for 51 percent of its stock. Mobil has offered \$6.5 billion, one dollar a share more.

Wednesday's court decision also upheld a judge's ruling barring Mobil's bid on anti-monopoly grounds and the Federal Trade Commission has pledged to fight a Mobil takeover for the same reason. But Mobil has stayed in the fight. It said recently it intended to buy 25 percent of U.S. Steel's stock and also disclosed an alternative takeover plan under which it would hold Marathon's reserves and sell other holdings to the Amerada Hess Corporation.

Turkey, Libya establish joint shipping company

ISTANBUL, Dec. 25 (AP) — Turkey and Libya have established a joint shipping company to facilitate the transportation of Turkish export goods to Libya, company officials said Friday.

An official of the Turkish Cargo Lines, a state-owned freight company, said 51 percent of the joint establishment was owned by the Turkish concern and the rest by the Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Co.

He said the company will also strive to capture shipping markets in other Mediterranean ports once Libyan imports are adequately handled. In the future, he said, the com-

pany plans to initiate a passenger service between the two countries. The company has \$40 million in paid-up capital, the official said.

Turkish exporters have turned to Libyan and other Middle Eastern markets following a tight monetary policy at home that curbs demand and forced Turks to consume less. Turkish construction companies were reported recently to have won projects amounting to \$8 billion in Middle Eastern countries, including Libya. Turkish exports to Libya also include textiles, footstuffs and household items.

Demand for Polish currency falls

By Sue Masterman and Anton Koene

WARSAW, Dec. 25 (ONS) — "Zloty? Nix. Zloty, Dollar, yes. D-mark yes. Cigarettes, yes. Nix Zloty. The patter of the illegal money-changing taxi driver on the way from Warsaw airport to the city center expressed the fear throughout Poland of what the national legal currency will be worth this winter.

The Poles nowadays work in four official currencies plus a flourishing exchange and barter system. The zloty, of which the average Polish worker takes home 6,000 a month, is at the bottom of the pecking order. No one wants zloties because there is so little that can be bought with them.

This autumn the government officially ordered all major consumer goods, from cars to color televisions, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and furniture, to be held back for sale to farmers. Farmers can buy these goods with "meat money," the special zloty they obtain from the government in return for their produce, especially meat. The snag is that this privileged meat has a rate of five to one — in other words, if a farmer wants to buy an item for 200,000 zloty he has to pay out one million meat zloties.

The second currency is the dollar, which is preferred to all other hard currencies. Poles, unlike many other East Europeans, may possess dollars and even have a bank account in foreign exchange without being asked where they obtained it.

Four years ago, the black market rate for the dollar was three times the official rate. Now it is 15 times as high and rising daily.

There are special shops, the Pewex stores, in which imported goods unavailable elsewhere, such as cigarettes, spirits, chocolate, coffee, cocoa and toilet articles, can be purchased for hard currency. Foreigners are no longer so keen to change dollars on the black market since there is nothing they can buy with the fistfuls of zloties, and all normal bills, such as hotels, must be paid in zloties the visitor can prove he has changed legally.

The third currency is ration coupons, which usually change hands in return for dollars or payment in kind rather than cash. The ration coupon is devaluing rapidly because many of the goods on ration, such as cigarettes and petrol, are not immediately available and the black market is easier. Age-old exchange and barter is now the basis of much trade. Wellington boots, for instance, and protective industrial clothing fall off the backs of lorries with astonishing regularity. A farmer will offer up to seven pounds of veal for a good pair of boots with felt lining.

A set of new tires are to be had for four chickens plus the normal price in zloties. Three fresh farm eggs equal one packet of Western cigarettes. One example of how the system works: it is illegal for petrol pumps to fill cans. Officially, the ration must go into the tank, but a bar of soap and a packet of razor blades will shift the pump nozzle the necessary few centimeters. A power cut stops the petrol pumps working. For a pair of stockings the name of someone with a can is exchanged. The owner of the can needs winter boots. The transaction takes place on the basis of gentleman's agreement.

Japan's auto exports fall

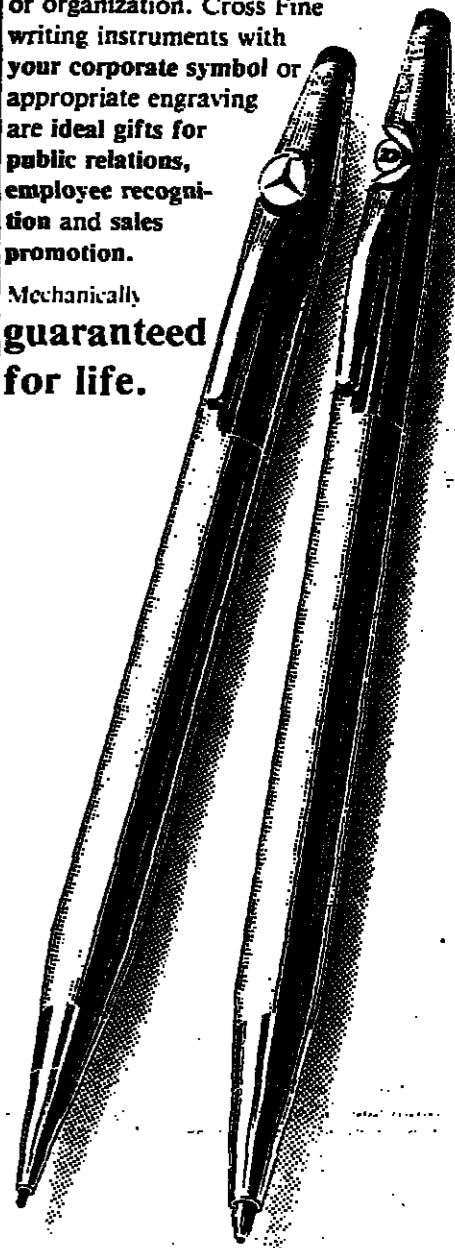
TOKYO, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Japan's automobile exports stayed below last year's monthly levels for the fourth consecutive month in November, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association announced Friday.

It said November sales were 4.6 percent down on November last year at 467,434 units, with passenger cars 6.6 percent down at 301,815 units, trucks down 0.1 percent at 161,199 units and buses down a huge 20.9 percent at 4,470 units. Auto exports to the United States rose 13.8 percent to 207,635 units.

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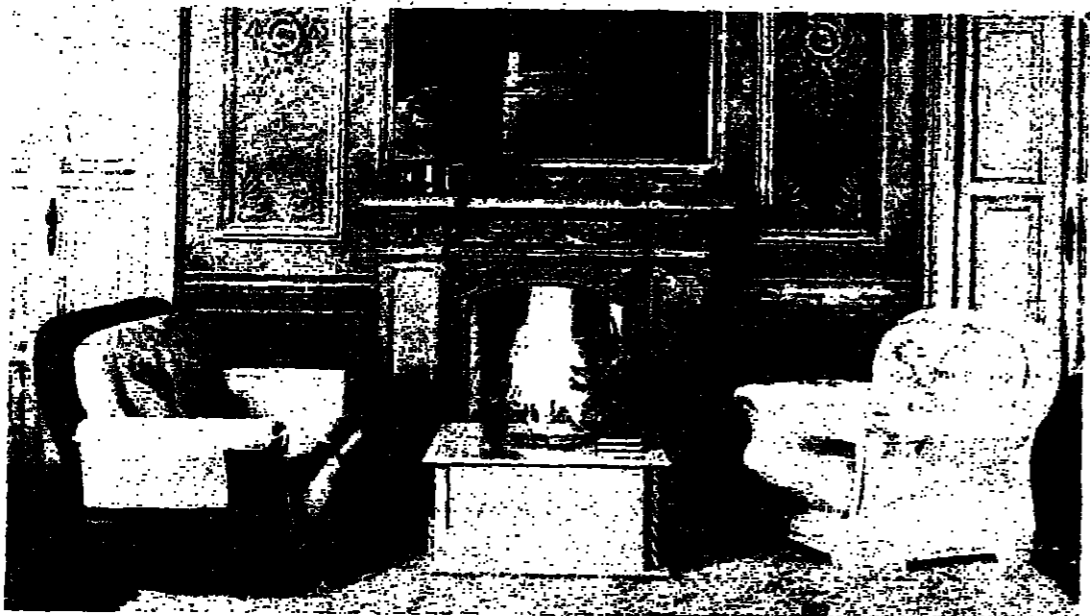


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Exports may pick up

Iraqi crude flows to north Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 25 (R) — Iraqi crude oil started flowing Thursday along a pipeline to the north Lebanese town of Tripoli, allowing a significant increase in Iraq's oil exports, Lebanese industry and Oil Minister Muhammad Youssef Beydoun said.

about 70 percent of Lebanon's oil needs. The Tripoli pipeline has been out of operation for five years because of disputes between Iraq and Syria over transit dues and because of civil strife in Lebanon.

Ranks of landless swelling Kenyans annoyed by foreign farms

NAIROBI, Dec. 25 (ONS) — Ownership of land in Kenya has been a highly sensitive issue since the white man came as a coloniser last century. It remains a delicate issue today, even though Kenya has been independent for 18 years and the once racially exclusive White Highlands have long since been settled by black Kenyans, many of whom are prosperous 'gentlemen farmers'.

compulsorily only for defense and security, health or public utility needs. He said the government was doing its best to give state-owned land to landless Kenyans.

Japan plans to revive import of raw silk

TOKYO, Dec. 25 (AP) — Japan will resume raw silk imports for the first time in 20 months because of the improving domestic market, the agriculture, forestry and fishery ministry announced Friday.

Latin America increases oil production

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 25 (R) — Crude oil production in Latin America rose 10 percent in 1980 to an estimated 2.1 billion barrels, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) reported.

1981 marked worldwide recession, high interests

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Recession in industrialized countries marked 1981 which will also be remembered for high interest rates in the United States coupled with a huge boost for the dollar on international currency markets.

Immigrants turned away by Belgium

BRUSSELS, Dec. 25 (R) — Just a few blocks from the affluent European Common Market headquarters here lies a depressed and unfashionable area of Brussels that has become the scene of a bitter racial conflict.

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Top stars for Riyadh Marathon

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 25 — Top runners are expected to participate in the first Open Riyadh Marathon organized by the Riyadh Road Runners, to be held on February 5. The Marathon is being sponsored by the Riyadh Palace Hotel, a member of the Trust House Forte chain of hotels, the group which sponsored the London and Manchester Marathons.

The race will be flagged off at 5 a.m. in Daraiyah and will follow the historic and scenic Wadi Hanifah to the west of the city. From there it winds up out of the Wadi past the new Sports complex, down along Palace Road, up Intercontinental Road, right on Shara Debab and finally finishes 42 kilometers in front of the Riyadh Palace Hotel.

Brian Sweeting, who recently won the Nejd Half Marathon, starts as favorite. Sweeting will be challenged by John Langholz, current leader in the Riyadh Road Runners Cumulative Championship, as well as runners from both the Eastern and Western Provinces. The Saudi National team is also expected to participate.

The entry for out of town runners is SR100 which also includes lodging, an eye-of-pace pasta dinner, all transportation and after race brunch. For further details, participants are requested to contact John Mulholland (4649418), Philip Bannan (4056949 office, 4656234 residence), or John Langholz (4773771 ext. 124 office).

Nejd Cross Country
Meanwhile the annual Nejd Cross Country race, sponsored by the Saudi British Bank and organized by the Riyadh Road Runners will be held on January 22.

The course is 5.25 kilometers of challenging undulating countryside; the pre-race favorite is John Langholz of the U.S. Rod Taylor and Tim Cox, both of Britain together with John Mulholland are expected to challenge Langholz for the honors.

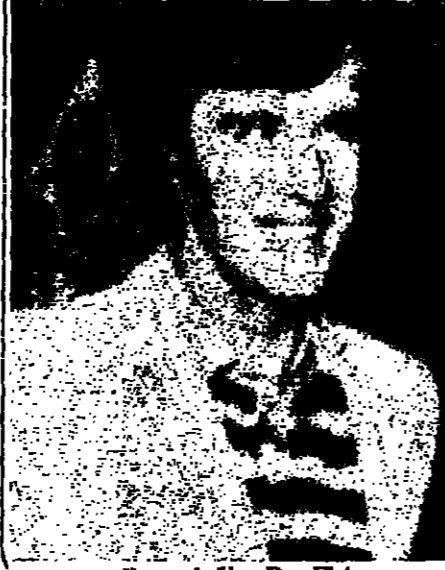
Marlboro enters final

MADRID, Dec. 25 (AP) — U.S. Marlboro and Real Madrid shared top place of the standings of an international three-day, four-team Basketball tournament after scoring victories on the second day here Thursday. Marlboro defeated Imbabanco of Spain 120-101 (69-46).

Marlboro and Real Madrid shared top place with four points each, followed by Imbabanco with two points.

Marlboro and Real Madrid will meet the final of the competition on the third and last day Friday.

Francois to strengthen West Ham



Francois Van Der Elst

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Dec. 25 (AP) — Belgian star Francois Van Der Elst has been transferred from New York Cosmos to an English First Division club, the North American Soccer League club announced Thursday.

Van Der Elst, a Belgian citizen, will join West Ham United, and is scheduled to make his English league debut Saturday against Swansea, said Cosmos general manager Tom Werblin. Terms of the agreement were not released.

It was against West Ham United that Van Der Elst gained national prominence by scoring two goals in Anderlecht's 4-2 victory over the English team in the 1976 Cup Winners Cup final.

Van Der Elst was among Europe's top goal-scorers when he signed with the Cosmos April 2, 1980. He joined the club

a month later, after leading Belgium to a best-ever second place finish in the European Nations Cup tournament.

The 26-year-old midfielder fell into disfavor last season with coach Hennes Weisweiler, and Van Der Elst frequently complained he was not getting enough playing time.

At age 13, Van Der Elst joined the junior squad of 16-time Belgian champion Anderlecht and advanced to the first team in 1972. At Anderlecht, Van Der Elst combined with Dutch international Robbie Rensenbrink to form one of Europe's top scoring tandems, leading the Belgian league in the 1976-77 season with 21 goals.

In his first year with the Cosmos, Van Der Elst scored 17 goals in 13 games.

Games revenue keeps IOC ticking

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP) — Money is jingling into the till of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to ring in the New Year.

The dollars from television rights pile up and help the IOC to make unprecedented contributions to amateur sports. "We have \$11 million in hand," said Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC president. "And by the time the Olympic is over we will have another \$75 million to share out."

The quiet Spaniard, formerly his country's ambassador to Moscow, has headed off a threatened rebellion by the National Olympic Committees (NOC) over distribution of their share of the spoils. "We are in complete agreement," Samaranch said.

The Association of (NOC) headed by its Mexican president Mario Vasquez Rana, had demanded full control of the money. Samaranch met the situation by enlarging the IOC's solidarity commission and packing it with NOC representatives — enough to give the NOC a voting majority.

The IOC splits its television money three ways. It keeps one third for its own administrative costs, one third goes to the International Sports Federations and one third to the MOCs. Until now the IOC has used the fund to finance coaching seminars, sports administration scholarships, etc. But the NOCs want direct financial grants, and clearly now they are going to get them.

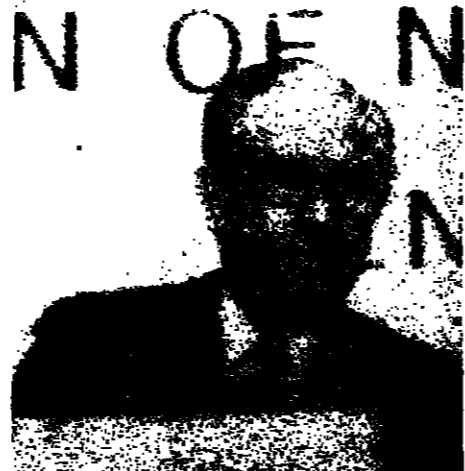
Samaranch himself has taken over the chairmanship of the solidarity commission from Masaji Kiyakawa of Japan. An IOC vice-president, Vasquez Rana is vice-chairman. The commission consists of four IOC members and eight representatives of the association of NOCs.

Television money could give an entirely new image to the Olympic movement in the next decade, with millions of dollars handed

out to help sport in the developing countries.

ABC is paying a basic \$120 million just for the American rights to the 1984 Olympics — the Summer Games in Los Angeles and the Winter Games at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Contracts for showing the Games in Europe and other parts of the world swell the revenue.

The host cities keep two-thirds of the television rights and the IOC takes the rest. But it is paid in advance installments, so it is piling up now and earning interest.



Juan Antonio Samaranch

If Avery Brundage, President of the IOC from 1921 to 1972, were to rise from his grave and look around him, he would blink with amazement. In his early days the Olympic movement was run from a small office over a watch repair shop in Lausanne, and the IOC scraped along on subscriptions from the NOCs.

The IOC headquarters now are at the Chateau de Vidy on the outskirts of the city.

The spacious house is owned by Lausanne and the IOC gets it rent-free. But now Samaranch is planning a new headquarters, to be built during the 1980's at a cost of \$25 million.

He is splashing money out in other directions too. The IOC now has 16 permanent commissions to deal with specialized work, and four working parties, or temporary commissions. Some of these commissions are new, others have been expanded.

Samaranch wants to have all 84 members of the IOC doing something. In the past they have simply represented the IOC in their countries and attended an annual session.

The restructuring of the commissions will cost a pile of money, because Samaranch plans to have the IOC pay full expenses for members at all meetings. "But we have the money to do it," he said quietly.

The IOC's biggest problems in 1982 will concern the rules, particularly those governing the eligibility of athletes for the Games. It has long since abandoned its "amateurs only" principle, which Brundage fought so hard to preserve. "The Olympic charter these days says simply 'no professionals,'" and the definition of a professional varies from sport to sport.

Sweeping changes of this kind could be endorsed by the IOC at its annual session in Rome next June. In 1981 the IOC admitted the women's marathon to the Los Angeles program. It took tennis and table tennis into the Olympic program — but that will not take effect until 1988.

The first major event of 1982 is a meeting in Los Angeles in early February. The IOC executive board will look at the Californian city's preparations for 1984, and leaders of the 21 international federations of the Summer Games will tour the competition sites.

Windies favorites

Dujon earns Test cap

MELBOURNE, Dec. 25 (AP) — West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge will not play in the first Test against Australia starting at the Melbourne Cricket ground Saturday. Greenidge failed a fitness test for his severely torn left knee muscles.

Faoud Bacchus will move up the order to open the batting with Desmond Haynes and reserve wicketkeeper Jeffrey Dujon will come into the side and bat at number six. Dujon will be playing his first Test in Australia.

The Windies were also concerned about a back problem with paceman Malcolm Marshall, but he convinced selectors Saturday of his fitness and has been named in the side. Although the Windies have lost Greenidge, they still have a formidable side to combat the flagging Australians. Windies team manager Steve Comacho said team morale was high and they were not bothered about reports on the controversial MCG wicket.

"Both teams have to play on the strip and we are aware of the situation." "I have the toss does not have too much effect on the outcome of the match," he said. The West Indies will be looking for sound performances from its usual solid batting line-up.

Champion batsman Viv Richards and captain Clive Lloyd showed last week in Perth they were both nearing top form when they battered the Australian bowling attack in the one-day international game. Richards finished 72 not out — including three sixes — while Lloyd slammed an unbeaten 80 to give the tourists an easy victory.

The Windies have kept their usual pace attack and named five speedsters in their

side. Australia will go into Saturday's match the underdogs. Captain Greg Chappell will need to wait some confidence in the side which was recently thrashed by Pakistan in the third Test at the MCG.

Pakistan, which eventually lost the three Test series 2-1, won the last Test by an innings and 82 runs. Chappell and some of his teammates are disenchanted with the MCG wicket and if they repeat their last performance in Melbourne, will be easy bait for the tourists.

In desperation the Australian selectors have named Victorian spinner Ray Bright to come to the aid of the pacemen. Dennis Lillee, Terry Alderman and Jeff Thomson all failed to capture wickets against Pakistan in the last test. West Australian spinner Bruce Yardley was the only successful bowler, finishing with the impressive figures of seven for 187.

But the real trouble area for the Australians are the batsmen. Too many of them have failed this season and they will be tested against the fiery West Indies pace attack. Alan Border, who was the most successful batsman on this year's disastrous England tour, has not shown any of the form his teammates know he is capable of producing.

The teams:
Australia: G. Wood, B. Laird, G. Chappell, K. Hughes, D. Wellham, R. Marsh, R. Bright, B. Yardley, D. Lillee, T. Alderman, G. Lawson, J. Thompson, A. Border.

West Indies: D. Haynes, F. Bacchus, V. Richards, L. Gomes, C. Lloyd, J. Dujon, D. Murray, M. Marshall, J. Garner, M. Holding, A. Roberts, C. Croft.

Qasim injured in freak fall

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 25 (AP) — Iqbal Qasim, one of Pakistan's heroes in the recent Melbourne Test, has been forced out of the team for the four-day match against South Australia beginning here Saturday.

Qasim was injured in an accident Thursday when he fell from the boot of a car he was sitting on when it drove off unexpectedly. He suffered bruises to his hip and thigh and the injuries had not cleared up despite lengthy physiotherapy treatment in the past few days.

At this stage, Qasim is expected to be available for the match against Tasmania beginning in Hobart on January 1. Veteran batsman Majid Khan has also failed to recover from a dressing room fall he suffered during the game in Perth last Saturday. With one more month of the tour remaining, the selectors have decided to rest opening bowlers Imran Khan and Sarfraz Nawaz.

Pakistan captain Javed Miandad will play despite reports that he would be rested for the South Australia game. While the side

packs a powerful batting line-up with strength down to Ejaz Faqih at number nine, the attack looks very thin. Sikander Bakht and Tahir Naqash will share the new ball with support from Mudassar Nazar and spinners Ejaz Faqih and Wasim Raja.

South Australia captain David Hookes hopes the game will advance his side's rehabilitation program a little further. "I realize it is not the strongest Pakistan side but if we can pinch a win, that is important," Hookes said. "Zaheer is a hard working professional cricketer and it is important that our guys have a long hard look at him — that they watch and learn from him."

The teams are:
Pakistan: Mudassar, Mansoor, Saifin, Miandad, Zaheer, Rizwan, Mohsin, Raja, Ejaz, Tahir, Bari, Sikander, Ali.

South Australia: Darling, Phillips, Crowe, Hookes, Sleep, Inverarity, Wright, Vincent, Parkinson, Winter, Dugan, Lewis.

Acrobatics take over the gymnastic world

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — The fare of World Gymnastics altered considerably in 1981, but after all was said and done the balance of power between the top nations was more or less the same by the end of the year.

Changes were inevitable given the number of retirements which followed last year's Moscow Olympics. Reigning world champion Nelli Kim and the golden girl of gymnastics Nadia Comaneci of Romania (as yet to be officially confirmed) bowed to the pressures of youth as did the great Nikolai Andriano of the Soviet Union, pommel horse expert Zoltan Magyar of Hungary, American Virtuoso Kurt Thomas and Japanese legends Shigeru Kasamatsu and Eizo Kenmotsu among the men's.

On top of this China's thrilling acrobats had that essential extra experience behind them and were threatening to scatter the traditional hierarchy of Eastern Europe and Japan.

The climax came last month in the World Championships in Moscow and even in this Chinese did excel, it was the Soviet Union which retained their supremacy winning both team and individual title and a total of 20 of the 45 medals overall.

In some cases, Soviet domination was embarrassing, and the women's competition was won by probably the stylish and lightest world champion of all — Olga Bicherova. She

was followed by Maria Vitatom and the Olympic champion Elena Davydova.

But it was East Germany's Effin-faced Maxi Gnauck who stole most of the limelight. The 18-year-old leipzig girl came to the World Championships with a reputation of being an eternal second best. Second in the last World Championships two years ago to Nelli Kim, second to Davydova at last year's Olympics, Gnauck saw her chances crumble yet again when an old ankle injury forced her to pull out of her floor exercises just when the individual all-round old medal was in reach.

Gnauck, probably the finest all-round women's gymnast in the world now, hit back magnificently in the individual apparatus finals to lift three out of four golds and at last break the Soviet stranglehold.

Injury plagued the men's event too, with World and Olympic champion Alexander Ditiatin finishing 36, last in the all-round final after pulling out after the floor exercises. But it was another Soviet who stepped into his shoes. Yuri Korolev, a boyish looking 20-year-old from Vladimír, near Moscow clinched an exciting win by pipping his best friend and countryman Bogdan Makuts with a 9.5 on the final exercise. Japan's Koji Gushiken took the bronze, and three gold medals on the individual apparatus on the final day for Japan.

The Soviet Union's remarkable total of talent apart, the Moscow World Champion-

ship threw up two major trends.
Firstly: Male gymnastics grew regarding to rival female gymnastics in terms of spectacle and spectator interest.

It's the women who had held the upper hand since the day's of Caslavka, Olga Korbut and Ludmila Turischeva, Comaneci and Davydova, but in Moscow it was the men who generated most interest with a host of new routines and above all else a total of eight perfect tens in the individual apparatus finals.

Secondly: Gymnastics at this level have simply become too demanding and, at times, too dangerous. Often, not asking good young gymnasts to perform like great ones, ignoring the artistry of the sport in favor of acrobatics. The consequence was there to be seen in the women's individual final when there was an unprecedented number of falls and stumbles. Fortunately no one was injured, at least not this time.

The other major developments of the year saw the professional circuit grow in strength with all the danger that entails for the nature of the sport, rhythmic gymnastics make an elegant debut in the first World Championships in Munich and exhibition shows becoming more and more popular.

Next year is unlikely to shed any further light on world gymnastics as there is no major event billed until the next World Championships in Budapest in two years time.

Palma, Mihara to defend titles

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — World Boxing Association (WBA) super bantamweight champion Sergio Palma of Argentina will defend his title for the fifth time on January 15 against Jorge Lujan of Panama in Cordoba, boxing officials said Thursday.

Local promoter Juan Carlos Lectoure told reporters the fight would be held in the Chateau Carreras stadium in the interior city, the scene of various World Cup soccer ties in 1978. Palma, 25, won the title in August, 1980 when he knocked out American Leo Randolph in the fifth round. He has beaten four challengers since. Ulises Morales of Panama in November 1980, Leo Cruz of the Dominican Republic last April, Ricardo Cardona of Colombia in August and Wilchit Muangroi-et of Thailand in October. Lujan was WBA featherweight champion between 1977 and 1978, when he lost to Julian Solis of Puerto Rico.

Meanwhile, World Boxing Association (WBA) light middleweight champion Tadashi Mihara of Japan will defend his title in Tokyo for the first time on February 2 against Dave Moore of the United States, his manager Hitoshi Misako announced Friday.

Mihara, 26, beat American Sugar Ray Fraito on points in Rochester, New York, on November 7 to take the title vacated by another American Sugar Ray Leonard. The Japanese is unbeaten in 15 pro fights and has delivered 11 knockouts.

Moore, 22, the contender, has a record of eight wins, six of them inside the distance, against no-fighters. Mihara, rated as an orthodox boxer-fighter, said he hoped to defend the title "with a clear-cut victory."

Round-The-World Yachting Exciting finish in the offing

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Just three yachts look to have a realistic chance of final victory in the Round-The-World Yacht race as the fleet prepares to leave Auckland, New Zealand Saturday headed for Mar Del Plata, Argentina for the 6,500 miles third-leg.

The yacht of French skipper Andre Viant, *Kriter 9* leads the standings on compensated time by a delicate margin of 7 hours 28 minutes over another French yacht *Charles Heidsieck III* skippered by Allain Gabbay.

Third position is occupied by Dutch yacht *Flyer* skippered by Cornelius Von Rietschoen, first across the finishing line in both the opening Portsmouth to Cape Town leg and the second Cape-town to Auckland leg.

The second-leg was won on compensated time by second-across-the-line *Ceramos New Zealand* skippered by Peter Blake to the

delight of New Zealand race followers in Auckland. But *Ceramos* is unplaced overall after being dismissed in the first-leg.

One thing is certain, there are many more ordeals to undergo yet. Although some yachts, which took a southerly course on the second-leg suffering extreme cold and dodging icebergs in the fog, have already had their share of peril and hardship.

After the frustratingly light, varying winds which becalmed many yachts on the last part of the second-leg this third-leg promises plenty of excitement as the yachts sweep down to the treacherous Cape Horn. Once around it they risk running the gauntlet of violent gales gusting against them. The final battle will probably not be fought out until the fourth-leg across the Atlantic from Mar Del Plata to Plymouth the final stage of the six-month adventure.

NICE, France, (AFP) — The French city of Nice is to attempt a unique double by asking to stage both the Winter and Summer Olympics in 1992.

Deputy-Mayor Jacques Medecin said it would be the first time in the history of the Olympic Games that the same region had put itself forward as candidate for both Games. The French National Olympic Committee had already been soured out and had said they were "very interested."

SAO PAULO, Brazil, (R) — Joao De Oliveira, Brazil's world triple jump record holder, was still in a coma Thursday after being badly injured in a head-on car crash near here Tuesday. A spokesman for the Irmao Penteado Hospital in Campinas said

the condition of the 27-year-old athlete had shown little change over the last 24 hours.

LONDON, (AFP) — The pools panel has been called into action for the third successive weekend after the postponement of 34 England and Scottish league games on Boxing Day. The big freeze claimed 18 English games and left only two surviving in Scotland. One of these, at Motherwell, was only still on because the referee failed to make it for the inspection.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japan will send seven judokas to international tournaments in France and Italy in January, the All-Japan Judo Federation said. The seven, including fourth dan black belt holder Hiroo Ito, and three officials, will go to Paris first.

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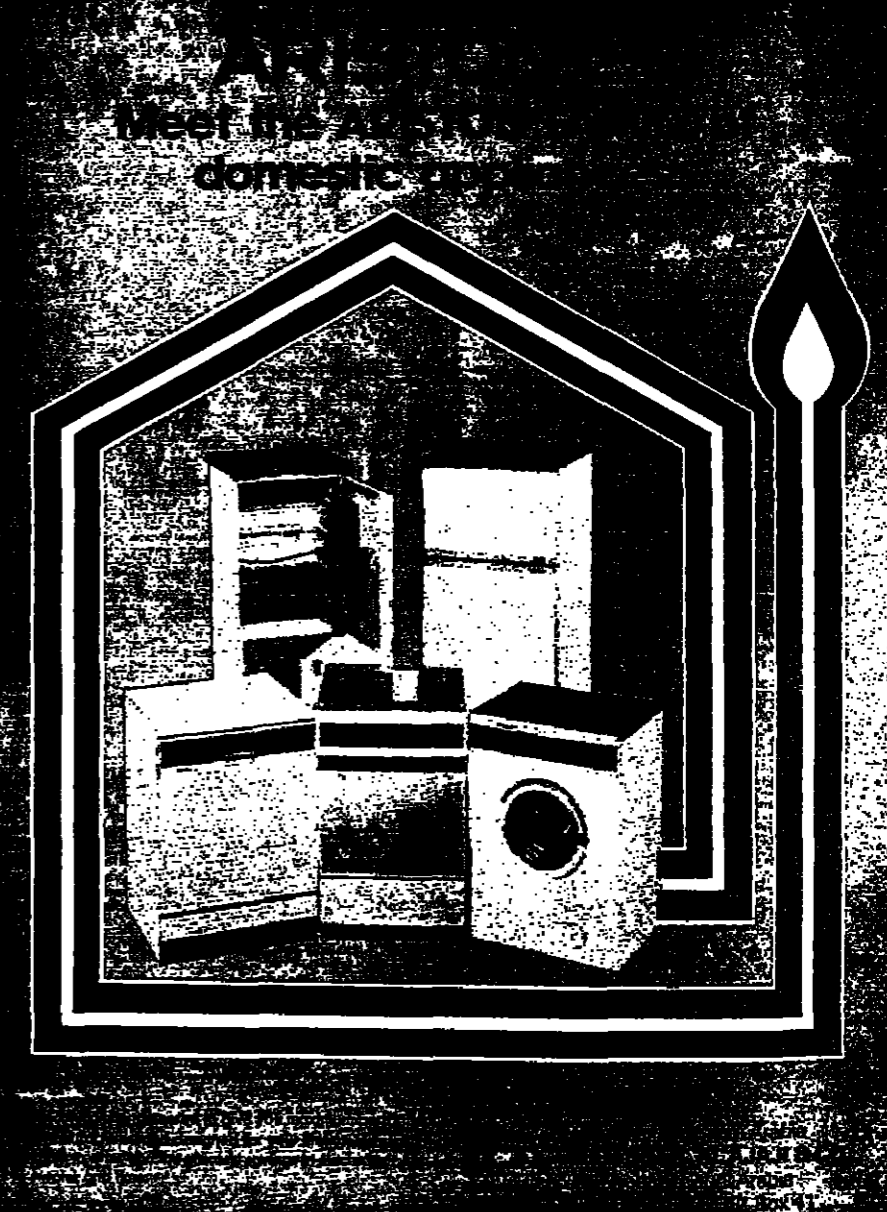
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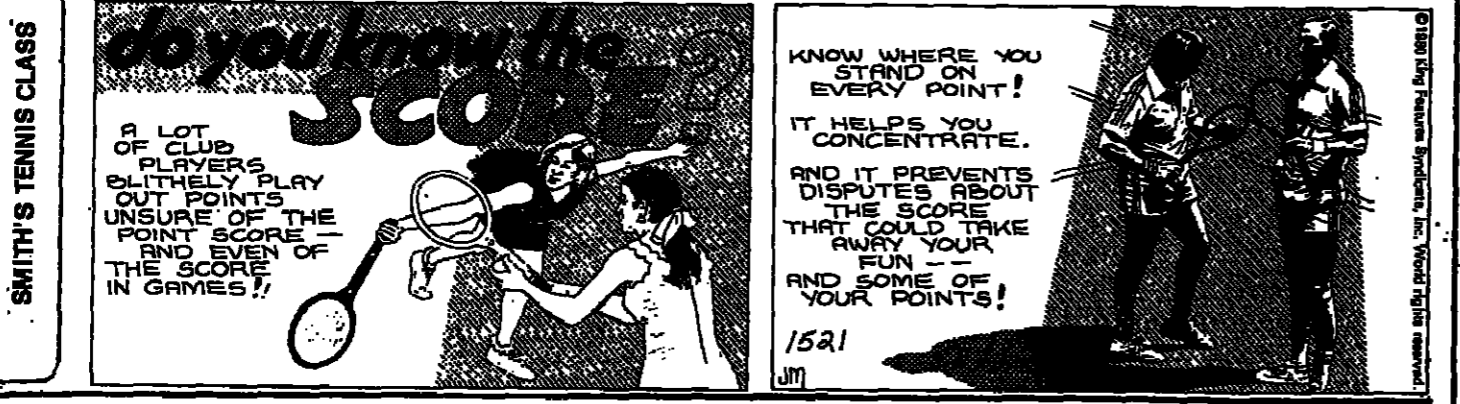
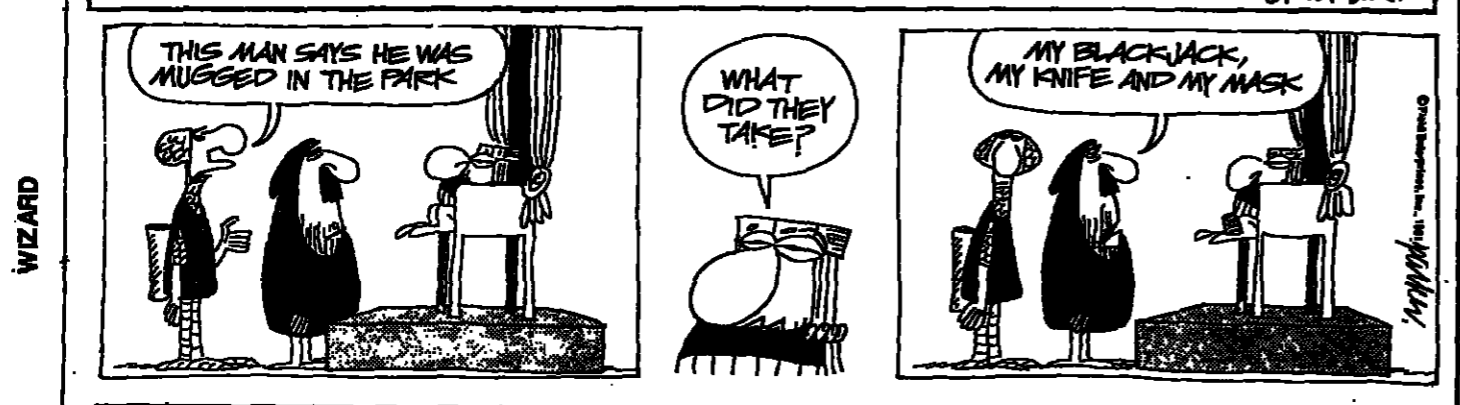
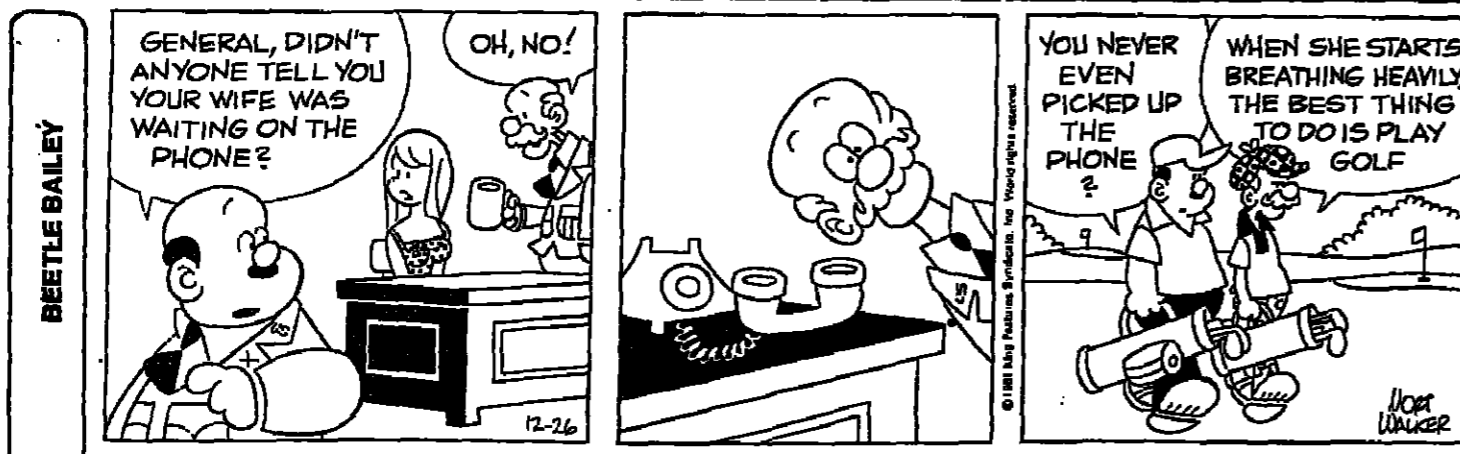
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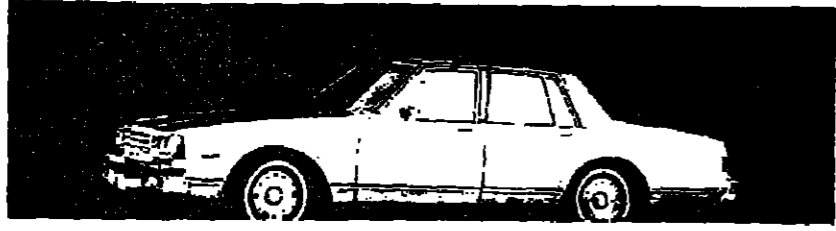
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A spokesman for the Royal Ulster Constabulary — the mainly Protestant police force in the troubled British province — said "a number of men" were arrested Thursday in County Fermanagh and would be charged in court next week in connection with operating illegal roadblocks.

The spokesman would not say exactly how many men were arrested or which specific charges they would face.

Paisley, who on Monday had his U.S. visa revoked preventing him from making a speaking tour to present the Ulster Protestant case to Americans, formed his "third force" of some 15,000 men last month.

His action followed the slaying, by the mostly Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army, of the Rev. Robert Bradford, a leading Protestant politician and like Paisley, a member of the British Parliament.

Paisley said the third force would do the job the police and British Army were not doing — protect Protestants against the IRA, particularly in vulnerable border areas with the Irish Republic, such as County Fermanagh.

Although there have been no previous arrests, Britain's secretary of state for the province, James Prior, and RUC chief constable Jack Hermon had both warned they would not tolerate vigilante groups.

Sentence said overturned in Ecevit case

ANKARA, Dec. 25 (AP) — A military court of appeal has at least partially overturned the four-month jail term imposed last month by a martial law court on former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, legal sources said here Friday.

But Ecevit's lawyer, Sahin Gultekin, said he was puzzled by Thursday's appeals court ruling which he said may be released officially late Friday. The lawyer said it was not clear whether the court had overturned, or merely reduced, Ecevit's jail term.

The 56-year-old former Social Democratic political leader was convicted of violating a military communique banning public discussion of politics.

Gultekin said he would press for clarification in favor of overturning the sentence, in which case Ecevit would be released and retried. But legal sources said a retrial was unlikely under Turkish military litigation procedures.

They interpreted the appeal court's decision as reducing Ecevit's term by one month. He had been originally sentenced to three months in jail but this was increased to four months at last month's one-day trial.

The appeals court said the term had been "inappropriately increased" in a "technical error," according to the sources. The ruling followed intervention by the Defense Ministry on behalf of Ecevit, who surrendered to military authorities 22 days ago and was put in a civilian prison in Ankara, the sources said.

Ecevit is expected to be released within five weeks, anyway, on good behavior. He took stacks of books with him into his cell and told reporters he was going to write an essay on "Scandinavian social-democratic experience" while in prison.

Ecevit was convicted after talking to foreign reporters in his home about what he termed "insinuations" by Gen. Kenan Evren, military chief of staff who took power in September 1980.

Premier alerts Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Prime Minister Ptolemy Reid called on his countrymen Friday to be prepared for military confrontation with neighboring Venezuela if that country used arms in enforcing its territorial claim over Guyana's Essequibo region.

Nine days ago, Venezuela informed Guyana as well as Britain that it did not intend extending the 1970 Port of Spain Protocol under which Caracas and Georgetown agreed to shelve their border dispute beyond its 12-year time span of application.

Frenchman released

PARIS, Dec. 25 (R) — Jean-Paul Silve, a French amateur photographer sentenced to five years imprisonment in Afghanistan for supporting Mujahedeen, has been released after serving nine months. The Foreign Ministry said Friday. Silve, 21, was released Thursday and reported immediately to the French Embassy, a ministry spokeswoman said.



THE JAWS: Dan Miller, a marine biologist, said in San Francisco Thursday that the great white shark that took a large chunk of a Monterey surfer and his board, could be the world's largest shark. The surfer's death was instantaneous with damage done in one bite by the shark. Miller displays a jaw from a 16-foot white shark and behind it the portion of the surfboard from which the shark took the bite.

Body of shark victim found

PACIFIC GROVE, California, Dec. 25 (AP) — The body of a surfer mauled by a great white shark was recovered Thursday at the south end of Monterey Bay, authorities said.

A large chunk of 24-year-old Lewis Boren's body had been tipped away said Monterey County coroner Harvey Hillbun. "It's a classic example of a shark bite," he said.

Boren vanished Saturday while surfing in the chilly waters off this small community south of San Francisco. His knee board — a shorter version of the popular surfboard — was found later, blood-stained and with a large section bitten out of it.

Doren, a welder and veteran surfer, was identified by a seagull tattoo on one arm.

Hillbun said. Additional identification was planned through dental records.

"He apparently was just beyond the breaker line, waiting for a wave, lying on his board," Hillbun speculated. "The shark approached from the left side, his mouth open, lunging toward his prey. When he bit, he had both the board and Lewis in his mouth. There's a large portion of his upper torso gone, from beneath the left armpit to just above the hip."

Experts said the shark is probably 21 feet long and weighs more than two tons. The largest great white ever captured, off the coast of Cuba, was about 21 feet long. Sharks up to 40 feet long have been reported, although none that size has been caught.

After the storybook meeting

Progeria kids get confidence

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP) — The storybook meeting of a wizened South African boy and a tiny Texan who share the rare early aging disease known as progeria has given joy, hope and self-confidence to other sufferers around the world.

"They are my brothers. We look alike," Vrispin Mitante, an 8-year-old sufferer in the Philippines, said when shown a photograph of the two boys — Fransie Geringer and Mickey Hays.

Fransie, the 8-year-old son of a gold miner from Orkney, South Africa, was among the first progeria victims ever to talk publicly about the loneliness of the disease. His old man's body and wrinkled, bald head made him an exile in the world of normal people.

Last month he came to the United States, to meet his fantasy hero Pinocchio at Disneyland and — more importantly — to meet 9-year-old Mickey of Hallsville, Texas. Like Fransie, Mickey grew up thinking he was the only victim.

The boys hit it off, and their meeting was widely reported. Now, like Mickey's Pinocchio — the puppet who struggled to become a normal boy — they have become symbols of hope for a small group of youngsters around the world — and the parents who spare their sadness.

Until Fransie and Mickey were united, most progeria victims never had seen anyone else who looked like them. They all look remarkably alike, with wrinkled heads, small stature and wizened toes.

In the United States, there are 10 known cases of the disease, estimated to afflict one in 8 million children. Victims usually die in their teens of heart disease — although a 26-year-old sufferer became known during the Disneyland meeting.

For Linda Carney, 35, of Canisteo, New York, whose 2-year-old son Lonnie was recently diagnosed as a progeria victim, there is now someone to share the burden. She sent two pages of questions to Mickey's mother, Cindy Edwards, 28, asking what to expect as her son grows older. Mrs. Edwards, divorced from Mickey's father and remarried, sent a picture of Mickey along with the reply.

Now Lonnie carries the picture around "all the time. He looks just like him," said Mrs. Carney. "Lonnie points to the picture and then says his own name afterward. This is good in a way. He realizes there's someone else. He doesn't have to go through life thinking he's alone," she said.

Later, Mrs. Carney, who also appeared in news stories about the disease, heard from Gertrude Barnard, of Warner Robins, Georgia, another progeria mother anxious to trade

information.

One woman who saw a picture of Fransie in the newspaper thought it was her 4-year-old nephew, Peedie Snipes, who lives in Graham, North Carolina. Peedie's mother, Susan Snipes, a 28-year-old textile worker, has since called Mickey's family and made tentative plans to visit them in a few months.

"I'm looking forward to meeting another child progeria," she said. "I'd like to see how he performs and carries himself."

The coverage of Mickey and Fransie's meeting brought two other progeria victims and their relatives to Anaheim, California, to meet them — Alicia Gowans, 11, of San Jose, California, and Meg Casey, 26, of Milford, Connecticut, who wanted to offer the children good news that they might beat the odds and live to be her age.

A third progeria child, whose family rejected all publicity, invited the two females to her California home for dinner one evening.

Contact with people like themselves gave the victims confidence. Judy Mermel, Alicia's teacher at a San Jose school for physically handicapped children, said the shy, quiet girl's "self-image has shot up. She just flies around our school. She's talking out and thinks she's hot stuff."

With the publicity, Fransie, who didn't attend school to avoid teasing by classmates, and Mickey, who balked at trips to the grocery store because people stared, ceased to be targets of ridicule and emerged as celebrities recognized at airports, toy stores and on tours around the country.

Their meeting attracted more media attention "than most anything we've ever seen out here, including visits of heads of state and top U.S. government officials," said Bob Roth, manager of Publicity and Public Relations at Disneyland.

Mrs. Edwards said that since Disneyland, life is much better for her family. "It was the best week of our lives," she said. "It was almost as if somebody stopped time for us."

Mrs. Edwards said the bond with Fransie gave Mickey a more solid identity, and her own nine and a half years of loneliness were ended because she discussed her fears and hopes with other progeria parents.

"It does a lot for a person to have someone say, 'I know how you feel,' and believe them," she said.

After two weeks touring central Florida Fransie left for home last Sunday with a collection of 16 Pinocchio dolls and a specially packaged box of presents. His father, Herman, said he would try to enroll Fransie in school.

Brazilians promote arms sales

BRAZILIA, Dec. 25 (AFP) — Salesmen at an exhibition ground at Sao Jose Dos Campos near Sao Paulo promote tanks and planes like the Rio de Janeiro and Salvador hotels show precious stones to the tourists.

Waves of foreign delegations pay visit to this "showroom" containing the pride of the Brazilian armaments industry: Cascavel and Urutu tanks, and Xavante fighter aircraft.

Brazil is No. 6 in the international arms export business, according to the magazine *Manchete*. In 1982 it expects to earn \$1,500 million from abroad — what it usually earns from its coffee.

An officer in the army's equipment division declared: "Brazil needs money for its development. We should export everything we can, including arms." He and his fellow officers are proud of selling tanks to Iraq, used in fighting with Iran. The firm making the tanks is Engesa, one of whose aims is to replace the Soviet Union as tank supplier to China, where it sees a potential market for 2,000 tanks.

Engesa is currently turning out some 50 tanks a month to meet orders totaling \$200 million. It expects to triple this figure in 1982. Its most successful product is the Cascavel tank on wheels which has a Mercedes engine and a 90 mm cannon. It can move at 100 kms an hour, has a range of 1,000 kms, and can see in the night.

Another product is the amphibious Urutu troop transporter-cum-reconnaissance vehicle-cum-combat tank. It can be fitted with a 90 mm cannon or with 20 mm Oerlikon guns which are now being made in Parana state southern Brazil.

Over the past few years Brazil has also won good business for its aircraft, France ordered 41 Xingu turboprops and also Bandeirantes, both of which can be used militarily. The Brazilian, Chilean and Gabonese air forces use the Bandeirante for reconnaissance and troop transport duties.

These planes are made by the state firm Embraer, which also produces a two-seat single-engine turboprop trainer called the Tucano. A training school at Oxford in Britain has ordered three.

After its Xavante fighter plane, used by the Paraguay and Togo air forces, Embraer is also to market the new sonic fighter jointly produced with Italy's Aermacchi and Aeritalia companies. This fighter is similar in many respects to the American Skyhawk, and the Brazilian and Italian forces will start taking deliveries in 1986.

Manchete magazine says Embraer, which this year turned out its 400th Bandeirante, invoiced foreign customers for \$100 million in 1981. The Brazilian light arms and rocket business is also expanding fast.

Along Nicaragua border

Costa Rica alerts forces

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 25 (AP) — Costa Rica's security forces along the Nicaraguan border went on a state of alert Thursday after Nicaragua announced special measures against what it said were counter-revolutionary groups supposedly operating in the area.

Public Safety Minister Arnulfo Carmona Indico said the alert was called despite measures taken earlier there.

Last month Costa Rica installed 32 military posts along the border but Carmona Indico said they would be reinforced after Nicaraguan Interior Minister Tomas Borge made charges that rightist guerrillas opposed to the revolutionary government in Nicaragua were operating along the border. Recently a Nicaraguan helicopter was shot

down in the region, injuring five crewmen. Borge said recently that at least 15 Nicaraguan soldiers have been killed in recent weeks in rightist attacks.

Costa Rica has no military as such but relies on a civilian police force for its infrequent defense needs. It was a supporter of the Nicaraguan revolution that brought the Sandinista National Liberation Front to power in a bloody civil war that ended in July of 1979, and many Sandinistas worked from bases in Costa Rica.

Relations have deteriorated somewhat since then as Nicaragua moved farther to the left. Borge recently mentioned that attacks on Sandinista forces by rightist forces could lead the country to a state of emergency or war. Nicaragua has not said what the special measures might entail.

Detention protested

Haitians refuse food in U.S.

MIAMI, Dec. 25 (AP) — About 700 Haitians went on a hunger strike on Thursday to protest their incarceration in a U.S. government detention camp, and the Roman Catholic archbishop of Miami appealed to President Ronald Reagan for their "humane" release.

Only three Haitian women showed up for breakfast and none appeared for the main lunch meal at the center, a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service spokeswoman, Beverly McFarland, said in Miami.

"The Haitians told us they wouldn't eat until they are released," she said. "It's their choice — we can't force them to eat, but obviously we prefer people be eating."

He also appealed for their release in a telegram to President Reagan. "As we witness the cruel suppression of human rights in Poland, we must show the world that we — the people of the United States — still stand for freedom, liberty and justice," the telegram said. "Your release of these Haitian detainees who have come to these shores seeking freedom, liberty and justice will speak louder than any words."

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American plane, pilot still missing

GOLDSBORO, North Carolina, Dec. 25 (AFP) — The navigator of a U.S. Air Force "Phantom" fighter-bomber which vanished on a mission a week ago, was found at sea on Thursday lying unconscious in a dinghy. But the pilot and the plane were still missing.

A spokesman for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base near here said a trawler discovered 26-year-old Lt. Thomas Tiller some 60 kms southeast of Charleston, south Carolina. He was admitted to a navy hospital in Charleston suffering from exhaustion but in generally good condition. The Phantom reportedly disappeared while trying to change course on a mission with another fighter-bomber. The other plane tried unsuccessfully to radio it.

Air Force Col. Peter Kempf said that if its occupants had ejected from the plane, a distress signal would have gone off automatically, showing where the crew had landed. But the signal was never activated. Col. Kempf said it was the first time he had ever heard of a plane disappearing without a trace.

Schmidt, wife leave for U.S. holiday

HAMBURG, West Germany, Dec. 25 (AFP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt left Hamburg Friday with his wife for a two-week holiday in the United States where he will meet President Ronald Reagan in Washington on Jan. 5.

The Reagan-Schmidt talks, postponed several times due to problems in West Germany and the Polish crisis, will be the first meeting of the two since the Ottawa summit last summer.

Observers in Bonn said Poland would undoubtedly be discussed in January, adding that West Germany, opposed to political and economic sanctions against Poland's martial law regime, did not hold the same views as the United States. The 63-year-old chancellor and his wife Hannelore will spend their U.S. vacation on an island off the Florida coast.

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